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'Paris terror shows it's time to end multiculturalism'
– says an AM

PEOPLE across the world were left horrified by the terrorist mayhem in Paris which left 129 dead – and many others fighting for their lives in hospital.

In the wake of the horrific events of last weekend, a prominent Assembly Member, Dr Altaf Hussain, has said "multiculturalism has run its course", and that integration and the removal of barriers between people is the way forward.

To read Dr Hussain's full comments, turn to page 16.

Armed robbers steal thousands from village shop in Pontcymmer

POLICE in Bridgend are appealing for information, following an armed robbery at the Co-Op store on Victoria Street, Pontcymmer, on Monday (November 16).

At just after 6am, two men wearing balaclavas, armed with a crow bar and a hammer,

confronted the manager of the store at the side entrance to the shop.

The manager – and two other shop workers – were tied up, and the two men demanded to know where the shop's safe was kept.

Over £2,000 in cash was stolen by the men, along with cigarettes and scratch cards. A cash register hard drive was also taken.

Officers have launched an investigation and suspect the robbery was committed by local people.

DI Andy Paddison, said: "I would like to reassure the community that incidents like this one are almost unheard of in this area and we do not expect a reoccurrence.

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The Bridgend Scout group is going to be planting daffodils in Newbridge Fields, Bridgend in a sponsored event to raise funds for Marie Curie. They should flower in the spring and look lovely!

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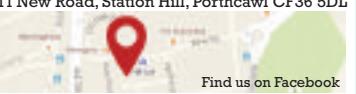
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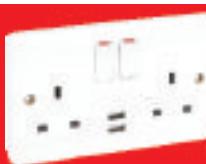
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Toddlers get in the swim at Maesteg!



Parents, carers and toddlers receiving their certificates at the end of the six swimming sessions.

LOCAL toddlers recently built up their confidence in the water at Maesteg's Swimming Pool through the use of music, nursery rhymes and swimming equipment.

Over six weeks, free fun-filled parent and child swimming sessions organised in partnership with Bridgend Communities First, Plasnewydd Flying Start and HALO Leisure proved to be a great success.

One parent said: "My son really enjoyed it and his confidence in the water has increased."

Another parent said: "Being able to put my son under the water safely has been an excellent skill. My son has enjoyed every session and gets excited when he arrives at the swimming pool."

Allotment group says thank you

WE would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of Kenfig Hill's Park Street allotment, and from all the local community that attended the bonfire, barbecue and fireworks. They would like to

say a big thank you to businesses and residents for all their support and kind donations. A good evening was had by all. This event could not have gone ahead without everyone's help and support. Once again, many thanks.

C E Grant,
Allotment secretary;
G Mason,
Allotment chairman.

Townswomen try their hand at crafts

AS always, Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild's monthly luncheon at the Angel Inn was well attended and the Guild meeting was a craft demonstration.

Thanks go to Freda Rodger and her craft group for organising a great afternoon; members enjoyed trying their hand at many different crafts.

We welcomed one new member, so our numbers are healthy! We are looking forward to the Federation Christmas lunch in Cardiff, also our own lunch at the

Bridgend Catering College.

Members will be travelling to Bristol next month for the National Townswomen's Guild carol service.

On December 4, we will be holding a Christmas fayre at Trinity Church Hall (10.30am), in aid of the British Lung Foundation; tickets £1.50.

Our meeting next month is on December 9 at All Saints Church Hall (2pm) when we will be

having

a Christmas tea and entertainment will be provided by the Gilgal hand-bell ringers.

For more information, call 01656 772157.

Dorothy Thomas

Sealawns site is to be finally cleared

THE site of the former Sealawns Hotel near Ogmore is finally to be cleared by its owner following the success of long-running legal action by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The former hotel was demolished unlawfully in May 2012, since which time the debris has remained on site untouched. The site can be seen from the main

road through Ogmore and from the popular coastal path along the nearby shoreline.

It has always been the Vale Council's contention that the unlawful demolition has blighted this picturesque section of the Heritage Coast and in court District Judge Bodfan Jenkins described its current condition as "an eyesore".

Since the unauthorised demolition more than three years ago, the Vale of Glamorgan Council has been working to

force the owner, Mr John Williams, to improve the condition of the site by pursuing action under the Planning Act.

The land owner has not taken any such action and instead, while also submitting planning applications for a residential development, has lodged a series of appeals against this action.

The latest appeal which was defeated in court this month was described by the judge as "spurious", "a stallion act", and "a desperate attempt to avoid financial outlay during the delay".

After throwing out the appeal, the judge ordered the land owner to carry out the restoration scheme specified in the notice so as to improve the appearance of the site until such time as the site is redeveloped.

In his ruling, District Judge Bodfan Jenkins described the site owner's agent, who

represented him at the appeal, Mr McLoughlin, as "disingenuous" saying that "he put matters forward without thought and (attempted) to pull the wool over the eyes of the court."

The judgement also awarded £6,000 costs to the council.

Following the judgement, head of planning and regeneration for the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Marcus Goldsworthy, said: "This judgement is a vindication of the council's long-running legal action and should send a clear message to land owners in the Vale that unauthorised and unlawful developments will be met with robust action from the local authority."

Festive fayre for Tenovus

THE recently-formed Friends of Tenovus group in Bridgend will hold a fund raising Christmas fayre on November 28 at the Two Brewers, Brackla, at 12.30pm.

Without Tenovus, I don't know how I would have coped when my husband was terminal with cancer. Sadly, John passed in September 2011 and I was then re-diagnosed with breast cancer and skin cancer.

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personal level or through family.

Our aim is to let people who have cancer know about Tenovus cancer care and raise money to enable these invaluable services to continue.

Our Tenovus Christmas fayre is to be held at the Two Brewers public house, Brackla.

Tenovus Sing With Us choir will give a performance at 2pm on November 28 at the Christmas fayre.

From 2.30pm Pencoed Silver Band will be playing carols and all are welcome to join in a community carol singalong.

There will be mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, mince pies, a raffle and a real family atmosphere. Come and join us - celebrate Christmas while giving hope to others.

All welcome, free entry. We are in the lounge and beer garden area of the Two Brewers.

DEBORAH DAVIES

OGMORE AM JOINS CAMPAIGN SAYING: 'RESPECT THE SHOPWORKERS'



Ogmore AM Janice Gregory joins retail workers in their campaign.

Speaker tells of aid for African mothers

AT the November meeting of Sker WI, president Nora Williams welcomed the members present on a wet and windy evening.

She joined the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers as part of the Freedom from Fear campaign, which seeks to prevent violence, threats and abuse directed at retail staff.

Mrs Gregory said: "Too often retail employees are confronted with violence, threats and abuse and it is really important we stand together and ask people to respect shopworkers, especially as we approach the busy Christmas shopping period and the Black Friday sales. 'Keep your cool at Christmas' is the very clear message that Usdaw is sending out to shoppers."

"I was personally shocked by the scenes of chaos and violence we saw during Black Friday last year.

"I will continue to campaign with Usdaw to provide shopworkers the support they need and deserve.

"We must give a clear message that abusing or assaulting workers who are serving the public is totally unacceptable," she added.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL NOVEMBER 26)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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23 Mon	03.31	9.3	16.04	9.6
24 Tues	04.32	9.8	16.58	10.0
25 Wed	05.24	10.1	17.49	10.3
26 Thur	06.13	10.4	18.37	10.5

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Young entrepreneurs are showcased in town centre market

MORE than 30 enthusiastic young entrepreneurs from across south Wales are showcasing their products and services in a pop-up enterprise market in Bridgend town centre from November 19-21, as part of a national competition.

Each enterprise will be vying for place in the grand final of the Carnegie UK Trust 'Test Town 2015' contest which offers the chance of winning £10,000 to develop their enterprise or business idea, as well as the title of 'Town Entrepreneur of the Year'.

Following a successful bid by BCBC, Bridgend town centre was selected as only one of ten locations in the UK and the only one in Wales to host the regional heats of Test Town 2015.

The annual contest has become one of the UK's largest entrepreneurial competitions, giving budding young entrepreneurs a valuable insight into running their own business.

The participants, all aged between 16 and 30 years old, took part in a mini-showcase event at Bridgend College last week to help them prepare for this week's market.

Business Advisors from Bridgend County Borough Council's Economic Development Unit, Trading Standards officers and representatives from the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) were on hand to offer helpful advice, guidance and feedback.

Christmas shoppers will be able to enjoy hot food and entertainment



Participants in last year's Test Town grand final, including Ed Shorney, Go Rookie Ltd from Bridgend (front right).

while the pop-up market is in town, with exciting new products such as gift baskets, fitness and beauty products and an array of hand-crafted, bespoke gifts being showcased as part of the national competition.

Event organiser, Ruth Rowe, Entrepreneurship Officer at Bridgend College said: "We're absolutely delighted with the response we've had to the competition!"

"We've been contacted by all kinds of enterprises from across south Wales, who have put themselves and their business ideas forward.

"The calibre of participants has been extremely impressive and we will announce the winner of the Welsh heat in a special prize-giving ceremony on Saturday, November 21 at this event is a wonderful

Carnegie House, opportunity to inspire our budding entrepreneurs of the future. We are proud that Bridgend county borough was selected to host this prestigious event and the enterprise market will not only showcase new products and services, but it will also provide a welcome boost to local trade within the town centre itself.

Ruth Rowe added: "This week is Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) 2015 – a worldwide initiative to support young entrepreneurs and what better way to celebrate than to host an exciting and innovative event in one of our main town centres."

Bridgend County Borough Council Leader Mel Nott said: "This

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opportunity to inspire our budding entrepreneurs of the future. We are proud that Bridgend county borough was selected to host this prestigious event and the enterprise market will not only showcase new products and services, but it will also provide a welcome boost to local trade within the town centre itself.

"I would encourage all our residents to head down to Caroline Street, Bridgend town centre this week to show their support for the initiative and this future generation of young business people."

"The market will be open in Caroline Street, Bridgend town centre, from 10am-3pm until November 21.

Nantymoel Primary

is among a select group

of local schools that has earned the Silver School Mark from the Sustrans charity, which encourages people to take more journeys by walking, cycling, scooting and public transport.

Sustrans schools

officer Roger Dutton

said: "As the Ogmore

Valley is a popular route

for road cyclists who are

keen to tackle the

Bwlch, it is fitting that

Nantymoel Primary

School should be one of

the schools leading the

way in promoting active

and sustainable travel

among pupils.

"The latest stats show that the numbers of children walking, scooting or cycling to school in Nantymoel is on the rise, while car usage is falling, and I'm looking forward to seeing the new bike shed being used throughout the winter months."

Bike shed boost as primary pupils take to two wheels!

A NEW bike shed has been installed at Nantymoel Primary School, as the number of pupils travelling to the school on two wheels continues to soar.

Bikes and scooters are ruling the local roads and pavements, as around three quarters of Nantymoel parents are choosing to leave their cars at home for the daily school run.

That statistic could soon be improved even further by the opening of the new bike shed, which can store 20 bikes and 40 scooters.

Even the school's youngest pupils are getting involved, with those in Dosbarth Ceirios – the reception class learning how to ride balance bikes, thanks to weekly sessions run by the school and supported by BCBC's active young people department.

Balance bikes are widely accepted as one of the best ways to teach children how to cycle. They don't have pedals or stabilisers, so children can learn the skills that are required to ride a bike.

Nantymoel Primary School headteacher Alyson Jones said: "We are thrilled with our new bike shed, and would like to thank local renewable energy company Pennant Walters for providing the funding for it.

"We are keen to promote cycling right throughout our school, as we recognise the short and long-term benefits that pupils can gain from cycling."

"Not only does it help to keep children fit, but a healthy journey to school can also make them more alert, as it boosts their concentration levels."

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of schools that has earned the Silver School Mark from the Sustrans charity, which encourages people to take more journeys by walking, cycling, scooting and public transport.

Bryncethin RFC Limited gets £50,000 towards plans to transfer a sports pavilion, the Clay Pits site, and a large grass area from Bridgend Council and create three football/rugby pitches, a cricket pitch, allotments, fishing and kayaking lake, mountain bike route, walking trail and with a focus on coastal campsite.

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Week that began with hope... and ended in horror

IT'S been a week with a focus on education: it started with a visit on Monday morning, on the way to the London train, to Oldcastle primary who had a week of science, technology, engineering and maths; stem subjects see as vital for the further growth of weak capabilities in our education system.

There was a great array of opportunities for the children, parents and staff planned for the week ahead. Parents had offered support, as had science advisors and employers.

The week included visits to the BAE repair workshops at Cardiff Airport and an evening of stargazing with an astronomer. The classes I visited were constructing a racing car from a kit, learning about why leaves change colour in autumn by learning about osmosis, and the use of friction in creating energy.

It was an impressive diary full of new hands-on learning for the pupils throughout the week. I agreed to come back on Friday to see how the week of learning and experimentation had gone.

Come Friday, the racing car was built and the children had had an amazing week. The final assembly was conducted by Dr David Arbulat, who came to talk about how he overcame his disability.

He showed an x-ray of his spine with its multiple fractures and the metal rods needed to hold it together. David had been a Royal Marine then joined the RAF regiment. A car accident led to his injury, and over a year in hospital.

The children were shown the German-designed lightweight lay-down bike that David rides, using his arms rather than his legs to drive the bike forward to win a number of arduous road races.

The talk and questions from the children focused on the mechanics of how David moves around, but also covered resilience, dealing with adversity and courage.

An impressive end to a week that will hopefully inspire the children in their study of STEM subjects over the coming years.

An inspiring morning was matched by an equally inspiring afternoon – looking at education through the prism of Parc Prison.

I was there with Attorney General Michael Gove and Dame Sally Coates, who has been appointed to head a Government inquiry into education provision for the 80,000 adults imprisoned in the UK.

Parc has a great track record in educational opportunities for prisoners while at the same time building a unique relationship with schools to support the children and families of prisoners.

During the visit, prisoners who had opted out of school talked of the degrees they were now following through the Open University. Courses based in the prison gym, the kitchen and workshops offered a range of qualifications all linked to numeracy and literacy skills.

With 200,000 children having a parent in prison in the UK, Parc has developed a focus on supporting families and schools, so that children of prisoners do not follow their fathers in opting out of school.

The support includes homework and reading clubs between fathers and children, and sessions with class teachers, to understand how the child is coping with school and the curriculum.

I was pleased the Attorney General visited Parc. I have held a number of debates in the Commons about Parc and it was good to be able to share the

unique work local staff have developed to offer a different road to changed life opportunities.

That's where I got to on Friday evening, writing this column and then on Saturday morning, I turned on the radio.

The attacks in Paris were horrific to watch and listen to with graphic reports of cold-blooded killing. I found myself thinking of 9/11/01 and texting and emailing friends in Paris to check they were ok. As the day wore on, a friend contacted to say her son's band were to have travelled to Paris on Friday night to play at the Bataclan club on Saturday. The family are in shock.

A man emailed me to urge that I sign his petition to send troops to Syria. People interviewed questioned how you can trust Muslims, others worried about how safe Muslim families must feel, hearing the fear and anger expressed.

I don't know what will emerge over the coming days as police and intelligence services unpick the identities of the attackers, their supporters and affiliations.

I do know that how we respond to horrors defines our values as a society. Terrorists know that. That is why they use terror, to try and drive in our fear to abandon our values; values they fear will persuade too many of their followers to abandon their murderous ideology.

The lessons of this week, of resilience and dealing with adversity, of how education can change lives, open eyes to new ways of solving problems, seems like an important message for us all to hold on to.

It is the things we share, the lessons we learn together that make us stronger and bind us together... We must never forget that.

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive report from Westminster for The GEM's readers.



Retailers on awards shortlist

THIRTY of the top local businesses have been shortlisted for this year's Bridgend Retail Awards, organised by BCBC and Bridge FM.

Businesses have been shortlisted in ten award categories, and local residents are invited to decide the winners by going online at www.bridge.fm before voting closes at midnight on Sunday, November 22.

Only one vote can be cast in each category per person, and the winners will be revealed at the awards ceremony on Sunday, November 29.

The businesses shortlisted in each category are: Customer Service Award, sponsored by Place for Homes; Andrews

Family Butchers, Maesteg; Cerys' Closet, Kenfig Hill; Walters Shoes, Porthcawl. Independent Retailer Award, sponsored by Watts and Morgan

Jenkins. The Lions Clubs of Pembroke and Pembroke Dock had promoted the concert with the assistance of Bryn Williams, a former BMC chorister with family connections in the locality. A generous buffet and much impromptu singing closed a great west Wales evening at Pembroke

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Market Stall, sponsored by Coastal Housing: Bakesstones, Bridgend; Daisybooo's Florist and Giftware, Maesteg; Science Fiction Collectables, Bridgend.

National Retailer Award, sponsored by Bridgend Business

Shooting Star Award: sponsored by The Rhw Shopping Centre; Pursuit Outdoor and Military Supplies, Bridgend; Russell Hughes Photography, Kenfig Hill; The Print Centre Group, Porthcawl.

BRIDGEND CHOIR GOES WEST AND FOR SCHOOL CONCERT



Bridgend Male Choir at the Pembroke concert.

The Rotarians welcome a new member



Rotary president Alan Reeks, with newly inducted Rotarian Dr Nigel Coombes.

AT the Rotary Club of Bridgend luncheon, on November 16 in the Heronston Hotel Dr Nigel Coombes was inducted by president Alan Reeks who said: "It is the duty of our Rotary Club to add new members from time to time, so that we may not only increase our usefulness and influence as a club, but extend the spirit of Rotary throughout the community."

The president stated that Nigel had been elected to membership because all members believed him to be a worthy representative, who possessed qualities that will permit him to exemplify the true spirit of Rotary in his public, business, social and private life.

President Alan presented Nigel with his Rotary emblem and appointed him to the community service committee.

Dr Nigel Coombes thanked the president and his sponsor, Rtn Major Wayne Morgan MBE for introducing him and thanked all members present.

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Choir in full voice

CÔR Meibion Maesteg a' Cyfch (Maesteg and district male choir) recently set out on a dull and dismal day to help a charitable cause.

This time it was for the Radstock and Midsomer Norton Lions, which was formed in 1977 which has helped local and world communities raise much needed funds.

It had been seven years since the choir was in Radstock and it was pleased with the warm welcome at Midsomer Norton church.

The church was built in 1859, and has excellent acoustics.

The Men of Maesteg walked on in their black evening suits, white shirts, green bows and black shiny shoes opening with Men of Harlech, which stirred the audience of 300 and created a brilliant atmosphere which set the scene for a glorious concert.

It rolled on with old favourites such as Gwahoddiad, Mwffanwy, and Morte Christe. Between the traditional male choruses, there was the beautiful soprano voice of Sally Ann Kingsbury; she sang a selection of Williams on 07847 music from musicals 282614.

through to opera and the audience adored her.

The choir was in top form and had the audience joining in singing choruses from the spirituals Steal Away and Where Shall I Be? The control was enthralling, such is the dexterity of the choir under the baton of Huw Morgan.

The opening of the second half was more sombre. The compere, Ben Fish, paid respect to the fallen and injured of two world wars and the conflicts of modern times.

He spoke the words 'They shall not grow old.'

The choir sang Y Tangnafeddwyr by Eric Jones and Ryan Wood's arrangement of Tell My Father, and there was then a two minute silence.

This was followed by the choir singing Robbie Williams' Angels and You'll Never Walk Alone from *Carousel*. The choir finished with its signature version of Sibilius's *Finlandia*.

Cor Meibion Maesteg is determined to keep the tradition of Welsh choral music alive. It was conducted by Huw Morgan, deputy musical director, aided by pianist Ryan Wood.

The choir is now looking for a deputy beautiful soprano voice accompanist. Contact of Sally Ann Kingsbury; she sang a selection of Williams on 07847 music from musicals 282614.

A warm welcome awaits visitors at the Maesteg Celtic Club on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Macmillan morning

THERE will be a coffee morning with homemade cakes at St David's church hall, Wimborne Road, Pencoed on Saturday, December 5 between 10.30am and 12.30pm, to raise funds for this cause; with five music played by Pencoed Ukulele Band.

First aid courses

B R I D G E N D Communities First is organising a free first aid course at Betws Life Centre on November 25 from 9.15am to 3.30pm.

It is also organising a free first aid course at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre on November 30 from 9.15am to 12pm and December 2 from 12pm to 3pm, open to all residents in a

Communities First postcode area who are able to attend both days.

Advance booking is required. Call Jenny on 01656 643693, or 07815 525017.

It is also organising a free food safety course (Level 2) at North Cornelly Community Centre on November 25 from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

This shows how to prepare, store and re-heat food safely and recognise common food hazards.

Advance booking is required; telephone Jess on 0165634 or 07974 399194

Ladies' choir

CÔR Merched Cwm Llynfi (Llynfi Valley ladies choir) is on its travels again but this time only to the Garw Valley.

It will be appearing in a concert with Garw Valley male choir and soloist Aled Williams at Blaengarw Working Men's Club on December 4.

It is being held to raise funds for the charity Children of Chernobyl Lifeline; tickets £5 available on 07989 506154 or at the door.

The choir would welcome new members and rehearses on Wednesday evenings at the Catholic Church Our Lady and St Patrick, Monica Street, Maesteg at 7pm.

Festive diary

MYNYDD Cynffig WI president Marjorie Goode welcomed members and opened the November meeting.

The weather was atrocious but there was a good turnout of members, and a bring and buy sale was held to raise funds for the WI charity; many Christmas presents were purchased.

This shows how to prepare, store and re-heat food safely and recognise common food hazards.

Swansea, craft spectacular in Margam Orangery, and a coffee morning are being organised.

The speaker this month was Debra John whose talk was 'Edwardian Maid'. She spoke to the members as though they were applying for a job in the big house, and told them how the upstairs and downstairs maids worked (and the case of the footmen who didn't work). There is no speaker next month as it's the Christmas party.

Members are all looking to 'pass the parcel', much laughter and good food and a little wine!

Mynydd Cynffig WI meets in the Talbot Centre, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill on the second Tuesday of the month. Lady visitors are welcome!

Children's choir

ON November 21, Maesteg Children's Choir will be holding its 30th anniversary concert in Maesteg town hall, at 7pm.

More than 30 former members will be performing with the present choir.

End-Sian Hughes will conduct the choir and the accompanist is Ryan Wood.

The compere will be Mr Tony Mullins, who has given time and support to the choir over

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM: If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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the years.

He will be joined by Kayley Thomas of BBC Radio Wales, who was a member of the choir.

Good attendance

T Y N Y R H E O L primary school's attendance figure to date stands at 95.7 per cent which at the moment, is above target.

The headteacher has thanked everyone's fundraising efforts for the BBC's Children in Need charity. The small school achieved the magnificent sum of £100.

She would also like to thank those families who made up the shoeboxes as part of the school's Christmas Shoebox appeal. It had received 32 shoeboxes on the day.

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week; as part of the school's efforts, it will be defining what a bully is and what it means to be bullied, through assemblies and a teaching assistant.

The children sang several songs including the now very well known Any Dream Will Do

devising a child friendly from the musical Joseph policy for bullying and And His Technicolour Dreamcoat which the choir enjoyed singing as much as the ladies loved listening to them.

The children then wasted no time in dispatching the biscuits, cakes and squash that was waiting for them!

The tree for Tondu Wesley Church Christmas tree festival will be taken to the church on December 1 ready for the service on December 9.

The December meeting is at 2pm. On December 9 there will not be a speaker; the competition will be for a Christmassy item.

Aberkenfig and District WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

For further details telephone Dilys on 01656 725399, or visit www.cobwebs.com or www.facebook.com/Aberkenfigwomensinstitute..

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BAVO hands out awards to the county borough's top volunteers



ABOVE:
The Garnwen Trust receives the Wales Volunteer of the Year award trophy from Janice Gregory, the AM for Ogmore.



Rosalind Griffiths from Y Bont receiving outstanding volunteer award from Mark Standley (Handelsbanken).



Cwm Ogwr Running Club receives a highly commended certificate from Janice Gregory AM.



Volunteer of the Year award over-25 – Maria Hall from Caerau Development Trust.



Volunteer of the Year award, under-25 – Gerianne Sevenson from AYPD.



Volunteer Project of the Year award (sponsored by United Graphic Design – 'Special Families').



Trustee of the Year award – Paul Lunnon from KPC Youth & Community.



Befriending/mentoring Volunteer award (sponsored by Valleys to Coast) – Huw Owen from Community Companions Project.



Graham Carroll is handed his highly commended award by Huw Irranca Davies MP.



Charity Shop of the Year award – Heather Morris from Ty Hafan.



Sports Volunteer of the Year award (sponsored by Calan Translators) – Cerie Jones from AYPD.

B R I D G E N D running through all my time as an Assembly member.

V o l u n t a r y O r g a n i s a t i o n s (BAVO) recently held its annual Bridgend county borough volunteer achievement awards at the Herston Hotel, Bridgend.

Compered by Lee Jukes from Bridge FM, special guests included Janice Gregory AM, Huw Irranca Davies MP, Jayne James – Mid Glamorgan High Sheriff, the Vocalmotion school choir and soloist Emily March from Ysgol Brynfa.

Volunteers take on a wide range of tasks, giving up their time to make their community a better place, yet often receiving little, if any recognition for their commitment and energy. The awards are designed to recognise and honour outstanding people and organisations that have made a significant contribution to our community in the last year.

Janice Gregory commented: "It was an enormous privilege to once again support and present BAVO's volunteer awards. Working with the voluntary sector has been an important thread

from Community Bernard Sage Companions Project; (Pontycymre OAP Volunteer of the Year Centre) also received a award over 25 – Maria Hall from Caerau Development Trust; Trustee of the Year Award – Paula Lunnon from KPC Youth & Community; Charity Shop of the Year award – Heather Morris from Ty Hafan; Volunteer Project of the Year award (sponsored by United Graphic Design) – BAVO for organising Special Families; Outstanding Volunteer Contribution award (sponsored by Handelsbanken) – Rosalind Griffiths from Y Bont.

Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards 'Highly Commended' certificates were presented by Janice Gregory AM to: April Bailes (Mental Health Matters Wales), Louisa Bird (Mental Health Matters Wales), Antony Bowen (Cartrefi Cymru), Pam Bryant (Splice Child and Family Project), Daniel Evans (Maesteg Canoe Club), Kirsten Howard (Y Bont), Katie Humphries (Wildmill Youth Club), Vernon Hunt (Community Badgers Project), Lisa Lewis (Parc Supporting Families), Lisa Lewis (C o m m u n i t y Badgers Project), Allotment) and Parc Jasmine King (AYPD), Supporting Families.

Roy Meredith (Maesteg Town Council), Jade Tegryn Bevan (Prime Cymru) also received a McBride (Ty Hafan), Trevor Morris (Shaw to attend), Graham Carroll (BAVO's Chief Executive, Heidi Bennett Club), Lynda Williams (River Care Group), nominations coming Cwm Ogwr Running through, the task of the Club and Bad Bikes. judging panel was

particularly difficult this year. There are thousands of fantastic volunteers in the borough, two of whom make the event a very special occasion indeed."

"Volunteers make a real difference to the charities and ultimately to people's lives and we were delighted to be able to recognise their hard

Young actors and technicians share time in the spotlight



Ellis Griffiths receives his award.

YOUNG people in Bridgend county borough who have an eye on a career in the creative arts were given a taste of the limelight recently at a glitz film premiere in the Wales Millennium Centre (WMC).

It was 12 years ago that the It's My Shout project made its debut. It was the brainchild of Roger Burnell, and in those days it was a spin-off from the Bridgend Youth Theatre.

In its early days films were shot, in the main, in Bridgend county borough, but it has now grown into a Wales-wide scheme.

An It's My Shout spokeswoman said: "The latest consignment of short films produced under the 'It's My Shout' film/TV training scheme were showcased at the WMC. This year over 800 young people from across Wales took part in the scheme at various stages of production."

"The training scheme is a unique initiative for young people looking to explore media industry jobs including: acting, writing, directing, camera, sound, lighting, set and prop design, costume, make-up and hair, production co-ordinating and event management by providing hands-on training alongside skilled industry professionals."

"Younger participants in this annual scheme often go on to study their chosen area on FE or HE courses and many of the experienced trainees gain employment within the industry as a direct result of the scheme. Many trainees from this year's scheme have already gone on to professional positions in the industry."

Apart from the eight short films, 20 young documentary makers have made six documentaries to accompany each of the films broadcast on BBC Cymru Wales. The short films are due to be shown in late November and on through December, starting this Wednesday (November 18).

Roger Burnell, who is still the artistic director of the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) said: "Having a passion for unearthing and nurturing talent throughout my career, sometimes from unlikely backgrounds, makes it extremely rewarding to see so many people respond so positively."

"Hopefully we are helping to engage and stimulate activity throughout Wales, nurturing individuals and communities with

by PHILIP IRWIN



ABOVE: Daniel Jones receives his award. (Photo by Mission Photographic).

of the scheme came along to enjoy the premiere event alongside the trainees. These included the First Minister, Carwyn Jones.

'It's My Shout' talented individuals and groups from all over Wales performed at a pre-show event from 5pm before the films were screened.

Two young men from Bridgend county borough received awards. The 'Best Sound Trainee' was Daniel Jones, 23, who is in his second year with It's My Shout. This year Daniel was able to move into composition, as well as continuing as a sound recordist trainee.

The 'Trainee of the Year' award went to Ellis Griffiths, 19, from Bridgend, who was very busy over the summer. He worked on all of the eight films and since had found paid work on *Dr Who*, *Midsummer Nights Dream* (BBC Wales) and the *Bastard Executioner* (Fox Studios).

The award for Best Film went to *Stone Soup* which was made with the communities of Butetown, Grangetown and Riverside.

Details of locations and titles for each of the short films.

Which Way is Ireland filmed in Bangor, North Wales with students from Coleg Menai. This film is on Wednesday, November 18, at 11.15pm, BBC2 Wales.

Hiraeth filmed in Carmarthenshire (November 25, 11.15pm).

Stone Soup filmed in Cardiff Bay. To be shown on Thursday, November 19, BBC2 Wales, 11.15pm.

Pwyll filmed in the Rhondda Valleys (Tonight, November 16, 8.45pm with subtitles)..

Russell and Jameela filmed in Caerphilly (December 2, 11.15pm).

First Sign of Love filmed in Bridgend county borough (November 26, 11.15pm).

Wedding Car filmed in Torfaen (December 3, 11.15pm).

Pili Palod Penygroes filmed in Caernarfon, North Wales (Friday, November 20, on S4C 7.45pm with subtitles)..

It's My Shout operates training programmes throughout the year, from community projects to feature films - all with the focus on nurturing new talent in Wales. Anyone who wants to find out more should log on to the website www.itsmyshout.co.uk

FORMER BYT ACTRESS AMY IS AN 'INSPIRATION'

A YOUNG actress from Bridgend was singled out as an "inspiration" for young people at the It's My Shout awards evening, held recently in Cardiff.

Amy Morgan was a pupil at Pencoed Comprehensive School, and a prominent member of the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT), and also featured in many IMS films and worked in the production office.

Following this Amy completed her training at Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and her career has gone from strength to strength, providing inspiration for her peers and the next generation of Welsh talent. She has worked with the National Theatre, and in many West End productions.

Her most recent role is in *Mr Selfridge* as shop assistant Grace Calthorpe. You may have also seen Amy in the BBC Wales drama, *Baker Boys*.

I know a number of people who still talk about the BYT's *Singing in the Rain*, where Amy played Kathy Selden (the Debbie Reynolds role). Aneurin played Don Lockwood, Katie Salt



ABOVE: Amy Morgan with Roger Burnell at the It's My Shout awards.

Philip Irwin writes: In many ways, Amy's time with the BYT was a bit of a golden age. BYT director Roger Burnell. The previous year, had a strong cast to work with, and Amy shared the lead with Aneurin Barnard in a number of shows.

I know a number of people who still talk about the BYT's *Singing in the Rain*, where Amy played Kathy Selden (the Debbie Reynolds role). Aneurin played Don Lockwood, Katie Salt

She didn't just shine at the BYT. One of the very

best school shows I ever reviewed for The GEM was Pencoed Comprehensive's *West Side Story*, where Amy played Anita and Rhian Davies played Maria. The school's drama teacher Mary Jeffreys persuaded (or perhaps press ganged) the school rugby boys to be the Sharks and the Jets, and the result was a truly stunning show.

On stage at the Wales Millennium Centre, Roger Burnell was delighted to present her Inspiration award personally, and talked about how, despite her obvious talent, she had always been easy to guide.

He said she was one of the girls, who was just happy hanging out with friends, until she would step onstage and be transformed.

He added: "Amy applied herself to everything she did, and I can honestly say that when she was helping out in the It's My shout office, she turned out to be the best production assistant we had too."

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Tax credits: WHY PENALISE THE LOWER PAID?

THERE was a time in this country when we helped people to get into work. We told them that it paid and that working would always mean that they were better off than being on benefits.

That is changing. We now have a Government in London that wants to bin that, and to penalise those who work hard for their families but are on low pay.

Nothing illustrates this more than the proposals to do away with tax credits, a system that has helped so many people into work, and has helped raise their incomes, despite being on low pay.

In Wales, 134,600 families will be at risk of losing an average of £1,300 every year, with some losing £3,000 next April. This represents a cut of 10 per cent in the income of the lowest paid in society and it



by **Carwyn Jones**, AM for Bridgend and First Minister

comes at a time when tax rates for high earners have been cut.

Why attack low paid people in this way? It wasn't them who caused the financial crash in 2007.

It wasn't those looking after the elderly who loaned money to those who couldn't pay. It wasn't those helping with children who caused the Northern Rock to collapse. Yet these are precisely the people who are being made to pay.

Those in the financial sector whose recklessness crashed the world economy in 2007 haven't paid their share. They still get

bonuses and they still have their tax breaks, but those on £11,000 get penalised.

It's true to say that the living wage will be increased, and nobody would argue with that in principle, but the financial burden for that will be borne by businesses, many of whom have said that they can't pay it.

What the UK Government has done is transfer the financial responsibility from government to business to help the lowest paid; it has abdicated its responsibilities towards them.

So, people who can ill afford it will lose out the most, and many businesses might go to the wall. At the same time, those who bear the most blame will prosper.

On top of that, those people who will lose tax credits will have less money to spend, and that means the local businesses that they use will suffer because that money isn't making its way to them to help them to continue.

Who said we're all in this together?

I WAS invited by Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen (Ynysawdre Comprehensive) school's sixth formers on the school council to witness a few of the energetic events they were organising to raise money for the BBC's 'Children in Need' charity.

It was amazing the number of events it had arranged and the organisers were optimistic about raising at least £4,000, which would be a school record!

The events were 'Name the Bear' quiz (50p) in the atrium; inter-college dodgeball tournament in the sports hall all week; non-uniform day - £1 each; Children in Need

merchandise available to buy in E block; 'Rub-a-Dub-Dub 6 Head Of College in a Tub!' event in the main hall; Sponge a Teacher; year-11 music band performing in the main hall; school council cake sale in the atrium; Year-12 and 13 music bands performing in the main hall; Mt Brain initiation in the main hall; staff v sixth form dodgeball in the sports hall; stay awake-a-thon, 7pm Friday to 7am Saturday (200 pupils, 20 staff).

The members of the school council would like to thank the following for sponsoring their efforts; Gwyn Jones Coaches, Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, Swansea Grand Theatre, Task Force Skirmish, Cowbridge.

CLIVE MITCHELL



RAISING THE ROOF TO UPGRADE CONSERVATORIES

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PUDSEY HEROES RAISED CASH FOR CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL



Sixth Form "slaves" for the day.

STAFF and pupils from St Clare's School, Porthcawl made a tremendous effort for Children in Need this year.

Pupils from the nursery, prep and senior schools dressed up as heroes or villains to raise money for Pudsey Bear.

There were plenty of activities arranged across the school throughout the day which raised over £1,000. Much of the fundraising was co-ordinated by members of the sixth form, who came to school in fancy dress and spent the day collecting money for the BBC appeal.

Visitors to the school may have been surprised to see quite so many Spidermen, Batmen and Robins in one school!

During a special assembly, younger pupils had the chance to bid for a sixth former to be their 'Slave for the Day'. The winning bidders became their 'Masters', instructing them to do any tasks they wished, from buying their lunch to carrying their bags all day!

Over in the prep school, there was a raffle and a cake sale, and pupils put their coins on a giant Pudsey Bear, all for Children in Need.

Headmaster, Simon Antwis said: "I'm delighted that we've raised more than £1,000 for Children in Need. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate our remarkable young people for raising such an amazing amount of money."

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Madeleine Moon gets on her bike for Poppy Appeal

RECENTLY, Madeleine Moon, MP for Bridgend, took part in a charity static bike ride in Parliament to raise money for the Poppy Appeal.

She cycled 1.63 km in five minutes, as part of the event being hosted by the Industry and Parliament Trust (IPT) which aimed to get parliamentarians cycling for 12 hours straight.

The event followed on from the success of a previous IPT static bike ride in 2012, when money was raised for the Poppy Factory.

The money raised will help the Royal British Legion provide lifelong support for the armed forces community.

Mrs Moon said: "I was pleased to be able to support the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal by taking part in the charity bike ride and I am grateful to the IPT for hosting the event.

"By giving up just five minutes of my day, I have helped to raise money which will positively affect the lives of thousands of people across the UK.

"As a member of the House of Commons Defence Select Committee, I have seen first-hand the vital support that the Legion provides to former service personnel and their families in Bridgend and across the country.

"I attended a moving ceremony at Carnegie House in Bridgend during which pupils from Nottage and Mynydd Cynffig Primary Schools laid wreaths on my behalf.

"Other remembrance services took place at All Saints in Porthcawl and in Kenfig Hill. I encourage others to give what they can to the Appeal."



Madeleine Moon takes part in the cycling event.

Nick Maher, CEO of the IPT, added: "I am extremely grateful to Madeleine and everyone else who took time out of their busy schedule to take part in the bike ride. The support we received from staff and members of both Houses was fantastic and I know the money raised will go far in supporting those who need it most.

"While it was a novel way to raise money for charity, the work of the Royal British Legion is essential to the lives of thousands of families across the UK and it was brilliant to see so many parliamentarians getting involved and enjoying themselves on the bike to raise money for such a worthwhile cause."

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Tickets are available for booking now at www.flybe.com with one-way fares from £24.99, including taxes and charges, and available for travel from March 27 through to

September 30, 2016.

"The new route to Verona will operate on Saturdays. This romantic city is located in northern Italy and is particularly famous as the setting for Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*, also being a 'must see' destination for lovers of architecture and opera," a spokeswoman said.

Other highlights of Flybe's summer schedule include increased frequencies on Milan and Faro which will both operate four times per week.

The launch of Verona brings the total number of Flybe routes operating at Cardiff to 14, including two winter services to Chambery and Geneva. The 2015-16 winter ski routes will continue through to April 16 to accommodate those

travelling over the Easter holiday period.

Debra Barber, managing director at Cardiff Airport said:

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BRIDGEND APPRENTICES HANDED TOP AWARDS

A TALENTED young apprentice from Bridgend who works at Dow Corning in the Vale, has won the Welsh Outstanding apprentice award at this year's prestigious EEF/Aldermore Future Manufacturing Awards.

James Brearley (aged 21), won the outstanding final year apprentice award, sponsored by JAM Recruitment.



ABOVE: James Brearley (centre) with Paul Byard, national director EEF Wales (right) and Graham Wood, JAM Recruitment.

determination to pursue careers in manufacturing.

James is now in the running for the national title. He will be going head-to-head with other winners from across the UK at the national awards being held in London in January next year.

He said: I'm delighted and shocked to have won this award. It's a great feeling to be recognised in this way for doing something I genuinely enjoy and that is setting me up for life. I'm only at the very start of my career in manufacturing and already it is proving to be both rewarding and challenging in equal measure.

"I can't wait now for the national finals next year, where I'll have another chance to prove myself."

Nia David commented: "I've met lots of great apprentices who are dedicated, hard-working and inspirational, which is why I am so honoured to accept this award."

"I hope my success encourages more apprentices to enter these awards, and other young people to seriously consider becoming an apprentice too."



Nia David (centre) with Paul Byard, national director EEF Wales (left) and Graham Wood, JAM Recruitment.

Looking for Pamela

I AM trying to trace a friend, Pamela Marsh, who lived in Penybont Road, Pencoed; we went to Birmingham teachers' training college in 1964-1967.

If anyone has any information on her whereabouts, please contact Jenny Langley (nee Makepeace) at Jennifer@stallos.com; telephone 015394 44037 or mobile 07783090548.

Jennifer Langley.

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Moving visit
THE Maesteg Gleemen have recently returned from a tour to s-Hertogenbosch in Holland to commemorate the liberation of the city in which the 53rd Royal Welsh Regiment played a major part.

The choir were following in the footsteps of 26 previous choirs from Wales invited to the commemorations. It began on October 26 with an impromptu performance in St John's Cathedral, which was unforgettable.

This was followed by a civic reception at the town hall. Chief executive Jan de Wit welcomed the choir and friends with a heartfelt speech on the debt the city owes to its liberators.

The party were then taken on a tour of the town hall and were shown artefacts, memorabilia and tributes to the Welsh regiment, including two massive windows engraved with all the names of those who lost their lives in the campaign.

The choir then left for the De Talin old people's home for an afternoon performance for the residents, which has become an annual event for visiting choirs.

Next day the choir left for the Welsh monument, the only one on the Continent, for a service with the mixed choir of s-Hertogenbosch, and wreath laying.

Later that day, the Gleemen were invited to sing at the official opening of the 'Royal Welsh Bridge', again named after the liberators. The choir sang two items, Gwahoddiad and the Celtic Anthem before the official unveiling of the plaque.

The names of the 146 men who died in the liberation of the city are forever immortalised on the massive structure of the bridge.

That evening the choir left for the commemoration concert in the massive 860 seat Theatre aan-de-Parade, which was full to capacity. They performed a joint concert with the Gemend koor s-Hertogenbosch, a mixed choir.

The performance ended with a rendering of the 'World War Two Requiem', anthems were sung and everyone left feeling uplifted.

On October 28, the choir went to Arnhem cemetery, where they sang and laid wreaths to the fallen; afterwards they left for Nijmegen. A social evening followed with the mixed choir of Denbosch at their practice venue in the sports centre.

On their way home next day they stopped off in Ypres to visit the Menin Gate where they sang two songs and the Welsh National Anthem, and laid wreaths to the fallen.

They travelled on to the new Welsh Monument in Ypres to lay wreaths and again sing the anthem. They then continued their journey home to Wales,

with fond memories of a very emotional experience they will never forget.

All agreed how humbling it was to encounter such gratitude and appreciation, after so many years, for the people of Wales from the people of s-Hertogenbosch.

Bryncethin WI

BRYNCETHIN Memorial Hall held a Christmas fair on November 14 with Father Christmas in attendance, organised by Bryncethin Women's Institute which meets today, November 19, from 6.45pm. There will be a Christmas-themed sugarcraft demonstration by Nicola Roberts. To contact Bryncethin WI, email: bryncethin.wi@gmail.com or mobile: 07938 746890.

Concert

OGMORE Valley Male Voice Choir is performing in a concert at St Bride's Church, Llansantffraid on Friday, November 27 at 7.15pm; tickets are £5 obtainable from Kay on 01656 723512.

Festive fair

CEFN Cribwr Community Association will present a Christmas fair in Cefn Cribwr Community Centre (the green hall) on Saturday, November 28 from 10.45am to 1pm.

There will be lots of goodies for sale, ideal for presents for Christmas, and of course Santa Claus in attendance.

It is also holding a pamper evening in the hall on November 20 between 6.30pm and 9pm. There will be a number of stalls providing various treatments, holistic therapies and psychic readings. Entrance £1.50 including a glass of wine or soft drink.

Everyone welcome; all proceeds for both events are for the community association to help maintain the hall and put on various social events for the community.

Karate club

CEFN Cribwr Kyokushin Karate Club trains at the Cefn Cribwr Community Centre (the green hall) on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Juniors 6.30pm to 7.30pm, seniors 6.30pm to 8pm, the first lesson is free, thereafter cost is £2.50 juniors, £3 adults. The instructors are fully licensed members of the Welsh Karate Organisation.

Aberkenfig WI

FOUR members of Aberkenfig and District Women's Institute went to the Apple Festival in the National Botanic Gardens on October 17 which they all enjoyed as there were opportunities to taste many different apples and cheeses, cider and apples to buy.

Six members attended the Federation dinner on October 22 at the HiTide, Porthcawl. Owen Money was the guest for

the evening and everyone agreed it was a good night out.

The children's choir from Tondu Primary School entertained the members on November 11, which was a lovely afternoon.

The Christmas meeting is on December 9 and the competition will be for a Christmassy item.

The branch meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Personly, Aberkenfig.

New members and visitors are always made welcome and there is usually a speaker or other event. For further information, call Dilys on 01656 725399 or visit www.cobwebs.com or www.facebook.com/Aberkenfigwomensitute.

Local events:

THE members of St Tyfodwg church, Glynnogwyr are holding a Christmas bazaar at the church on Saturday, November 21 from 10am to 1pm.

Maesteg Children's Choir, which has just produced a new CD, will be holding its 30th anniversary concert to celebrate its formation at Maesteg Town Hall on Saturday, November 21 at 7pm, where it will have the CD for sale in the foyer.

Laleston Garden Club, which meets at Cliff Cottage, High Street, adjacent to the parish church has a thriving ladies section, which meets on the first and third Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm. On November 17 there was a talk by Norah Clark on the subject 'How to train guide dogs'.

Coleg Cymunedol y Dderw (Ynysawdre Comprehensive School) was the venue when Bois Goetre-Hen male choir, together with Mynyddiswyn male choir performed a concert at the school with tenor Jacob Lloyd Lewis as soloist.

Cross-country

TYNRHEOL Primary School, Llangeinor's next cross country event is at Brynteg Comprehensive School on Saturday, November 21. Parents are advised that both car parks will be open, as will toilet facilities. You need to arrive by 9:30am in order to register for the races.

This year, the PTFA Christmas fayre will be in the Richard Price Centre from 3pm to 5pm on Friday, November 27. The PTFA are asking for complete board games or unwanted toys or games including soft toys; please send them into school by Friday November 20.

The PTFA would also be grateful for any raffle prizes. All proceeds from the Christmas fayre go to the school to help support the children.

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM. If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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The Welsh Monument at Ypres. Bill Evans, secretary of the Royal British Legion, Maesteg, a veteran who was involved in the liberation of Holland, has just placed a wreath.



The chair of the Gleemen, Stuart Bevan, presents a bronze plaque to the chief executive of S-Hertogenbosch Jan de Wit. Looking on are John Summers (public relations), Gwyn Evans (treasurer), and Steve Eastern (committee member).

Who wants to build what and where?

Mrs Agnes Harkin - 5 Dan y Deri, Hookland Road, Dros Olwg y Mynydd, Broadlands - Convert Porthcawl flat Lewiston, Omgrove Vale - Fell Ash tree (1993) OBC no 17. Mr Stephen Blackwell - Waterstone Homes and Hatford HA - Bayswater BC Parks and Playing Fields - Min y Nant Llangeinor Terrace Allotments, Pencoed - rear lane and access Allotments, Pencoed - Reserved matter submission for landscaping, for outline consent P/15/110/OUT. Mr Nicholas Howells - 14 Rhos Helyg, Cwmfelin, Maesteg - Convert garage into a habitable room. Mr Stuart Stephens - Fexco - Bridgend Designer Outlet, The Derwen, Bridgend - Erection of Bureau de Heol Simonston, Coity - Fell Ash tree Change kiosk. Mr and Mrs Hannah David - 56 Rockfields, Porthcawl - Dormer extension to front and rear with Juliet balcony to rear. Mr Clive Jones - 15 South Place, Porthcawl - Flat roof kitchen and sun lounge rear extension. Drive Medical Ltd - 28 North Road, Bridgend - Convert garage into dining room. Miss Lucy Pottinger - 4 Glan y Parc, Bridgend - Two storey dormer extensions to sides to create first floor accommodation. Mr M Watkins - 49 Glan y Parc, Bridgend - Rear extension. Industrial Estate - Clad over five windows. Mr D Mathewson - 6

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Robbers raid shop in village



(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

DI Paddison continued: "It was a nasty robbery and I believe those responsible are from the area. They have acted with total disregard for the importance of the shop to people in the village and absolutely no care for the welfare of the victims, who have been left traumatised by what they have been through.

"Somebody will know something and I am urging them to do the right thing by their community and call us.

"We are following up a number of lines of enquiry and we have released CCTV of the two suspects in the hope that somebody may put two and two together.

They can remain anonymous if they wish by contacting Crimestoppers."

Anyone who does have information is urged to contact Bridgend CID via 101 quoting reference *424842 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

A NORTH CORNELLY man who, after a birthday celebration, attacked his partner, striking her unconscious, has been sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, at Cardiff Crown Court.

Gareth Davies (30), who had no previous convictions, was said by his solicitor Adam Sharp, to have been thought of as a decent, caring person, and who behaved entirely out of character.

Davies, of Woodland Place, had admitted before Bridgend Magistrates, charges of causing actual bodily harm, assault by beating and causing damage, and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Prosecutor Tim the ground

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

Naylor said that on July 10, Davies and his partner Kelly Gates and others, were celebrating a birthday at Neath Working Men's Club.

At about 9.30pm in the disco room, a friend of the defendant put his arm around Miss Gates. Davies objected and punched her in the face.

They went outside and argued before returning to her home in Maesteg.

Davies appeared to be drunk, said Mr Naylor, and Miss Gates was warned of this and went home. At about 3am, he went to her home where they argued.

He picked up a lid, threw it and broke a glass panel.

In the street, he punched and kicked Miss Gates a number of times, and she fell to the ground

unconscious.

When a teenage girl intervened, she was struck too.

Miss Gates had injuries to her cheek and lip and bruising. The girl also suffered bruising.

Mr Sharp said Davies had been in the relationship for about a year and until the incident, had lived a normal, law-abiding life.

"At the time, he had been bottling up his emotions and drinking heavily. Miss Gates didn't suffer any long-lasting injury, and she

does not harbour any ill feeling towards him."

Mr Sharp said Davies had to live with the guilt of what he did.

He said that recently, following an operation, Davies had suffered serious complications.

"Sadly, alcohol was a prominent feature of this behaviour."

Davies was also ordered to observe a four-month curfew between 8pm and 6am. In addition, he was directed to pay a criminal court charge of £900, plus £425 prosecution costs.

Organ donations: changes imminent

WITH just weeks to go until the organ donation law changes in Wales, people are being urged to register their decision ahead of December 1.

As part of the ongoing *It's Time to Choose* campaign, an information roadshow and digital countdown van will be touring Wales to inform people about the changes to the organ donation law and will visit 18 locations between November 23 and 27. The roadshow will be in Bridgend on Friday, November 27 at Asda from 9am to 12pm and at Asda, Cardiff Bay from 2pm - 5pm.

On December 1, Wales will become the

first country in the UK to introduce a soft opt-out system. The new system will make it easier for people to make a decision about whether or not they want to become organ donors.

Under the new system, if people have not registered a decision to become an organ donor (opted in) or a decision not to become an organ donor (opted out), they will be considered as having no objection to being an organ donor – this is known as deemed consent.

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Out and About with The GEM

Steve Jobs biopic is an iMazing effort...



by
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simply *Steve Jobs*, tells of three key chapters in his life – firstly, Jobs (Michael Fassbender) and Steve Wozniak (Seth Rogen) unveil the first Mac computer; then a fired Jobs launches the NeXT computer; and finally with Jobs returned to Apple, he readies himself for the launch of the iMac, all set against the backdrop of Jobs' troubled relationship with his ex-girlfriend and daughter...

The life of Steve Jobs was certainly anything but mundane; from being at the forefront of innovation to be ejected from his own company, and then making a triumphant return by becoming a technological icon before seeing his life

cruelly cut short by a tumour in 2011.

To attempt to coalesce such massive achievements and moments would be ambitious, so director Danny Boyle and Aaron Sorkin's decision to strip it down into three separate sections may not deliver the all-encompassing 'cradle to the grave' narrative you so often see, but does provide a detailed insight into the workings of a complicated, driven, and at times, cold man.

The lynchpin of all this is Michael Fassbender, who follows his incredible turn in *Macbeth* earlier this year with yet another superb performance. We see many sides of Jobs throughout the film – the impresario focused on wowing audiences with his new

technology, the cold-hearted 'father' to a young girl, the driven-to-the-point-of-

megalomania figurehead, the angrily

exiled genius – and

Fassbender delivers an incredible performance, convincing throughout.

There is a sense of a character being brought to vivid life, not just a mere impersonation of the man, and Fassbender's Jobs is as elusive and mysterious as you would imagine, never quite knowing what he's likely to do next.

Unsurprisingly, the performances around him are equally as strong; Kate Winslet does a superb job as Jobs' right-hand woman, her moral compass sometimes giving Jobs the guidance he needs; Seth Rogen's pivotal role as Jobs' brother-in-arms turned black sheep Steve Wozniak is well played, while Jeff Daniels offers the steady gravitas as the CEO who makes and then breaks Jobs, giving him the drive and anger to pull off his most audacious move.

These excellent performances come bathed in the dialogue of Aaron Sorkin, whose writing is a complete joy to behold, especially when made real by such a skilled troupe of actors. There is something of the stage about his story construction, a three-act play, and if the use of the same faces converging together at different times feels a little too convenient, then it's easily forgiven

when the exchanges are so superbly composed.

Add to that the emotional backbone provided by Jobs' awkward relationship with his daughter (superbly played by all three actresses), and you have the meat to go with the tightly-wound back-and-forths between the characters.

The substance of the screenplay is matched by Danny Boyle's direction, which lacks his usual tricks but delivers a masterclass in subtlety. Boyle's films are usually a visual feast full of quick edits, but here Boyle allows the drama of the script to dominate proceedings, restricting himself to some clever little techniques – back projections of slogans and imagery relating to the story, shooting the three segments in different film stock – but predominantly his camera stalks hallways and stages, creating an intimate and engaging feel.

There are no obvious resolutions, no 'clever-clever' little Easter eggs (save for a reference to making the walkman obsolete); just three snapshots of a genius at work, and it's this minimalist approach that pays dividends, as *Steve Jobs* is an excellent piece of work.

VERDICT: A clever take on the biopic formula, and one that with the talent involved makes it soar even more than you would hope.

Steve Jobs is beguiling, engrossing, mysterious and substantial – not unlike the man himself. Superb performances, wonderful direction and Aaron Sorkin's gorgeous dialogue make this a wondrous effort.

Highly recommended.
SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Moneyball* (2011), *The Social Network* (2010).

SANTA at Leekes!
SANTA and his reindeer descend on Leekes' store at Pontyclun on Saturday and Sunday, November 21-22, for a magical weekend of festive fun.

Children can visit Santa in his grotto and there are special appearances by his live reindeer between 11am-4pm; plus face painting,

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, November 19

Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Llandybie artist Janis Fry. A member of the Royal Watercolour Society of Wales, she will be giving a demonstration of mixed media techniques which she has developed herself.

The society's Christmas exhibition is on in the Old Hall, Cowbridge until December 3. Members are exhibiting paintings in a wide range of media, almost all of which are for sale, and at very reasonable prices.

On Thursday, November 26 the society holds its annual dinner at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm – 9pm and visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Cowbridge Country Market

TOMORROW, Friday, Nov 20 there will be free samples of our usual

Christmas goodies to taste and our Christmas order forms will be available.

Mince pies will be on sale individually (instead of pre-packed) so that you can mix and match. We look forward to seeing you in the Lesser Hall, 9.30am – 11.30am.

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a colouring competition and a golden ticket treasure trail.

Visits to Santa's grotto can be booked in store during the weekend, with all proceeds donated to the nominated store charity, Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independents will be holding a Surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, November 21 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend; no appointment necessary.

Energy advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding an energy surgery at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on November 24 (10am to 12 midday) when you can chat to one of the NEST advisers from the NEIE scheme.

No appointment is needed. For further information contact 01446 732385 or freephone 0808 8082244.

Heritage Coast talk

THE Heritage Coast Through the Eyes of a Ranger, an illustrated talk by Helen Mills will be the topic of the Llantwit Major Horticultural Society meeting on Wednesday, November 25 in the Llantwit Hall.

Helen, an Area Ranger, will be sharing her experiences of the Heritage Coast which stretches 14 miles from Aberthaw to Porthcawl in the west, and her illustrated talk will include the wildlife, geology, ecology and management of this stretch of coastline.

All are welcome. The Llantwit Hall is behind the library at the back of the rugby club car park; admission is free and we look forward to seeing you.

Silver Band

concerts
THE Pencoed Silver Band are joining the Tenovus Choir at the Two Brewers Pub on November 28 (2pm-3.30pm) for an early start to the Christmas festivities.

On November 29, the band will be at Seasons Christmas Outlet, Brynmerion – all proceeds to be donated to Tenovus Cancer Care.

The annual Pencoed Welfare Hall Christmas concert will be on December at 6pm, and they will also perform at the annual Christmas

Tree Festival at Nolton Church, Bridgend from 7pm-9pm.

For further information, call 07973 767197.

Christmas Art and Crafts fair

A CHRISTMAS art and crafts fair will be held at The Coast Café, Dock Street, Porthcawl on Tuesday, December 1, from 11am to 3.30pm. Everyone welcome to watch local artists at work.

Marie Curie coffee

RUSHING towards Christmas again and thoughts of Joe's Coffee Morning.

A time to remember lost but not forgotten family and friends, it will be held in restaurant Illtud 216, Llantwit Major on Friday, December 4 from 10am til 12.30pm. George and Eina have very generously offered us free hot drinks and cake.

Choral Concert

PORTHCAWL Choral Society will hold their Christmas concert on Friday, December 4 at 7pm at All Saint's Church Porthcawl.

They will be joined by The Llynfi Harp Ensemble, young harpists led by their musical director Angharad Edwards.

Tickets £6 from choir members or at the door. There will be mince pies and a raffle in the interval, free with each programme bought.

Cowbridge Choral Society

MARK the start of the Christmas season with the Christmas

celebration concert given by Cowbridge Choral Society.

Tickets are now on sale from WG Davies on the High Street, the box office telephone 01446 792175 and members of the Choral Society. The concert will feature the usual mix of traditional and newer pieces and be held in Holy Cross Church on Saturday, December 5. New members are always welcome to join Cowbridge Choral Society, and experience is not essential.

Rehearsals take place in the United Free Church, Westgate every Thursday at 7.30pm.

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What's on the Big Screen?

BIG SCREEN's next film for this season is *Mr Holmes* (cert PG) on Thursday, November 26 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Sherlock Holmes (played by Sir Ian McKellen) is of advanced years by 1947. He is suffering from mild dementia and struggles when brought out of retirement to help solve an ancient case.

His housekeeper's son Roger (Milo Parker) aspires to be a detective like his hero and is keen to help the aged genius. But what's happened to Dr Watson?

Doors open 7.10pm. Tickets £4 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door).



by Dr ALTAF HUSSAIN AM

Multiculturalism has run its course... 'WE MUST FOCUS ON INTEGRATION'

FOLLOWING the brutal terrorist attacks in Paris at the weekend, Dr Altaf Hussain AM, prominent Welsh Muslim, has warned that "multiculturalism has run its course" and that "we must

do all we can to encourage the integration of religious and ethnic groups as an urgent matter of policy."

The Welsh Conservative regional AM for South Wales West writes: "As we stand united with France, and stand against the evil that

would seek to destroy our freedom in the most abominable way, our focus inevitably now shifts to what our next steps must be in the battle against this evil.

"There will doubtless be much debate as to whether we can or should commit forces to the ground, and rightly the question of how we safeguard our borders will arise.

"These are all vitally important decisions that our governments simply have to get right.

"The events in Paris serve to highlight that we can no longer see this as a distant conflict in a region far removed

from our everyday lives – it is a war that is not only on our doorstep, but that has become interwoven with the fabric of our way of life.

"This presents us with challenges, not only in foreign policy, but with questions that arise immediately close to home and require an answer. At the root of the problem we face is the notion of 'multiculturalism'.

"This idea has guided so much of our policy in recent decades – and it is, quite simply, the wrong approach...

"The idea of having communities that identify on the basis of race,

colour or religious faith living side-by-side – yet never properly integrating with each other – is a recipe for discord.

"It creates conditions where a distorted world view – a world view that allows for murder in the name of God, and one that is repugnant to true believers of all faiths – may find an ideal breeding ground.

"When you keep people apart from each other as matter of policy, and encourage communities to develop in parallel whilst never fully integrating with each other, you encourage people not to

get to know each other. "When people do not know each other, it is less easy for them to trust and co-operate with each other.

"It is not too difficult to see how an evil mind could, from this starting point, ruthlessly exploit this set of affairs in setting about the task of corrupting young people and brainwashing them into accepting a corrupted world outlook.

"Multiculturalism has run its course. We must focus all our efforts on encouraging integration between all religious, racial and cultural groups – celebrating our diversity and each

person's uniqueness – but removing the barriers which keep people apart.

"There is a difficult conversation that we need to have, and one which people of all faiths and political colours have ducked out of for too long.

"The stakes are now too high to avoid this conversation any longer.

"We need to be brave in our approach and have this conversation urgently".

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We are pleased to say that after our relocation from Cowbridge to Pontyclun in September we are holding our first Event on Saturday 21st November 2015.

There will be Cheese and Wine and 10% off all stock sold and on all orders taken and paid for on this day. There will be a free raffle on all purchases. (Note 10% is not available on promotional items).*

Clogau Gold of Wales is holding a

Young farmers are off on their travels!

SEVEN Glamorgan Young Farmers are off on their travels, after gaining places with Wales YFC on the 2016 International Travel Programme.

The selection day was held in The Young Farmers' Centre in the Royal Welsh Showground at Builth Wells.

They all competed against other young farmers in interviews to gain a place on their desired trip.

The programme offers unforgettable

experiences and adventures for members to travel the world, learn about different countries and make new friends.

Members can apply for trips as near as Scotland or as far afield as Canada!

Gower YFC member Tom James was successful in gaining a trip to Scotland:

"This is my first time travelling with Wales YFC, I am really looking forward to it!"

"The highlight will be visiting the Highland Show!" he said. LE



Left to right: Angharad Williams – Colorado, Elen Williams – Strasbourg, Laura Elliott – Ulster, Tom James – Scotland, Laura Howell – Ulster, Louise Evans – Norway, Danielle Hooper – Strasbourg.

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wonderful special offer on this day for our Event. Spend £199.00 on Clogau and get a small Clogau Fairy Locket worth £149.00 absolutely free*, this offer is only while stock lasts so be early.

Since relocating to Pontyclun after 15 years in Cowbridge we have been overwhelmed by the welcome we have had from residents, local business and customers that have followed us here. We all love it here in Pontyclun and will try very hard to continue the service we have given since establishing our family business 31 years ago.

We have introduced a lot of new companies to our store like the Famous 'Thomas Sabo'. We have a large selection of Charms from their Charm Club range and also stock 'Love Bridge' bracelets and bangles which all come with free engraving. We also have Silver Jewellery and Watches by 'Thomas Sabo'. We now stock 'Hot Diamonds' Silver Jewellery and every item of their Jewellery has a Diamond set into it. Spend over £75.00 on this range and get a 'Snowflake Pendant' worth £60.00 free of charge*.

'Diamonds' is only while stocks last and is limited to one per customer so when it's gone it's gone!!!!!!

We have a new Italian Jewellery range called 'bracini', all made in Silver, some Rose Gold Plated. Beautiful items.

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We'd like to welcome you to our Clogau event at Johnsons The Goldsmiths in Pontyclun.

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SPECIAL EVENT BOOSTS A WELSH CANCER CHARITY

THE public is being urged to follow a local day centre's example and help Cancer Research Wales by holding a 'Donation Day.'

Woodlands Day Centre is a day service for adults with learning disabilities and day service officer, Martin Woodsford said: "Each service user embraced the idea of helping the charity. They wanted to give back to the community and help to break down stereotypical barriers; the process has been quite inspirational."

Neil Hopkin-Thomas, on behalf of Cancer Research Wales, said: "We are delighted by the support from the service users and staff at Woodlands."

"We are encouraging all local businesses or places of work to hold a Donation Day and we will come and collect all donations which will stock our shops and in turn fund the incredible research undertaken by the charity."

"Cancer Research Wales funds a great



variety of projects in Wales which we feel are important in our battle against cancer.

"These are undertaken in universities and hospitals and cover cancer sites that include cancers of the prostate, colon, breast, kidney, blood (leukaemia), cervix and oesophagus."

For more information on holding a Donation Day or project, contact Neil Hopkin-Thomas on 07824 531557.

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999 for emergency only

VALE AM Jane Hutt met Chief Superintendent Stuart Parfitt last week to discuss policing across the Vale of Glamorgan.

She emphasised the importance of raising public awareness of the 24/7 public service and urged constituents to call 101 when they need everyday advice and support from the police; as well as the 999 calls they may need to make in times of emergency.

Chief Superintendent Parfitt clarified that the front desk at Barry Police Station is open 8am to 6pm each day and highlighted the following other means of contacting South Wales Police for non-emergencies:

The 101 non-emergency number should be used to report non-urgent crime and for general inquiries.

It's the number to call if your car gets stolen for example, or if you want to report drug use or dealing, if your property gets damaged or to speak to an officer; if you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired you can telephone 18001 101.

If you are hearing-impaired you can also contact our minicom service on 01656 656980.

Alternatively, you can contact the Public Service Centre by fax on 01656 869562 or email: Publicservicecentre@southwales.pnn.police.uk

Keep Safe Cymru service users can also register with Next Generation Text Service. The organisation provides an App, which will make it much easier for people with hearing and speech impairment to make phone calls – it can be accessed via: ngts.org.uk.

DESPITE the time of year, the mild conditions are seeing lots of colony activity – pollen is still coming into the hives and brood is present.

To all intents and purposes, the bees should have settled for winter; however, with temperatures around 14°-17°C, there is little chance of this coming about (it would be 4°C normally).

To get through any winter, the bees require sufficient amounts of pollen, plus sealed stores (honey).

Beecutting literature indicates that the end of September should see all supplementary feeding completed, as this will have given the colony time to process any added foodstuffs that the beekeeper may have provided, and this year's very variable conditions saw many beekeepers having to feed liquid sugar to many colonies in order that they should not starve.

Conditions can't have been that bad, you might say, but although spring started off very well, the following months were wet and often windy.

With these prevailing conditions, bees do not go out foraging and, in any case, many plants would not be open or give up pollen or nectar.

Each colony has a laying Queen and on a daily basis she is laying eggs to expand the workforce of the colony, all of which require sustenance i.e. pollen and nectar.

Within the hive there is much going on, eggs and the larvae that develop from the eggs must have attention, the Queen must be fed and groomed, wax has to be produced plus temperature variations must be maintained to suit

the different sections of the hive.

All of this activity requires a ready source of energy, hence the need for insect stores and as these stores diminish and if bees are confined to the hive, the beekeeper has to step in and lend a much-needed hand.

Then there is, of course, the Varroa to consider – and instantly we have a dilemma present. Current instructions suggest that there should be an absence of brood (especially sealed) if any control is to be undertaken, and if normal weather patterns were present this would indeed be the case right now.

There would be very little brood and the beekeeper could safely discount it and go ahead.

The control of the Varroa is a whole article in itself, but it has to be addressed by all beekeepers.

So is winter here yet? It does not appear to be. The loss of colonies over the coming winter due to lack of stores because of constant activity brought on by mild conditions is a real possibility. A regular check on the bees must become part of the beekeepers routine if such a scenario is to be avoided.

Should we get a sudden cold snap all bee activity will cease; if stores are in short supply, any feed offered by the beekeeper will be ignored because the bees will not be active enough to process it.

They can, and will, utilise what they have prepared beforehand, but once that is gone the onset of starvation is more than likely to follow.

Feeding the bees is going to be a lot cheaper than having to replace them, so do it now before the weather changes!^

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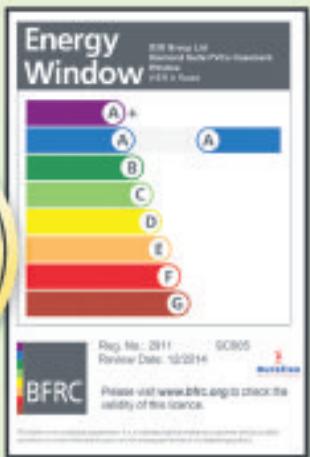


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Friendly service, great products... Businesses stand the test of time



Dave Crompton and the team at Cut & Styled Hair Salon are booking in appointments for the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS is just five weeks away and the festive shopping spree is well under way in Penarth.

What makes the town centre special is reliable, established businesses that have stood the test of time because they deliver excellent products, along with top customer service.

One of the most familiar is **Penarth Carpets** on Albert Road – celebrating 25 years.

It regularly supplies

customers in Penarth, Barry, Cardiff and Newport, but has even sold to customers as far afield as west Wales and London.

The owners, Cathy and Andrew, provide luxury high quality carpets and flooring, and also middle range carpets. The former take around seven to 10 days to arrive, the latter can arrive overnight, so there's ample time to get something done in time for Christmas.

Cathy said: "We do top quality carpets and top brands. We've got a great pair of fitters, too. "We've even had

customers writing to the papers to say how good they are. The feedback we get is excellent – that they are really keen, helpful and accommodating."

There's a bewildering array of carpet samples in the showroom to browse through – and friendly advice too.

Cathy added: "If people want to take a swatch back to their house to match up with things, they are welcome."

The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday. For more information, call 02920 704375, or

go to www.penarthcarpets.co.uk/.

GOLDEN ERA

For longevity and continuity, one local hairdresser takes some beating. Dave Crompton, of **Cut & Styled Hair Salon**, will soon celebrate 50 years in the business.

The salon is unisex and specialises in colours and great cuts. It is located in Stanwell Road just a few yards off the main roundabout in Penarth.

Dave has been in the business since the golden era of hairdressing, when British stylists were setting trends across the globe.

Dave said: "I went through the Sassoon years in the 70s. For about 20 years, I took part in competitions around the country winning trophies. I then went on to judging for 15 years."

Although some styles, like perms, are not as prevalent as they once were, Dave is a firm believer that "fashion reinvents itself" – some cuts today resemble those of the 70s and 80s, but have softer looks.

Cut & Styled Hair Salon is a bright, friendly hairdressers, and all clients have to do is call 02920 708328 to book an appointment, or drop in to the business to see when the stylists can fit them in.

The salon will be open until 4pm on Christmas Eve, but closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day (the Saturday), but open again as usual on the Monday, December 28.

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Penarth Carpets has a huge array of top quality carpets and excellent fitting teams.



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The Scott Wroe Hearing Centre (See facing page).

A photograph of the interior of Penarth Carpets. A woman is standing on a black and white patterned carpet, smiling. The room has white walls and a bookshelf in the background.

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This year's Christmas Festival will take place on Sunday, November 29.

A town council spokesperson said: "The annual parade is Frozen-themed this year and children in the town are encouraged to dress up as their favourite characters and join Elsa and Anna, and Father Christmas as they journey from West House on Stanwell Road to the town centre.

"From 2pm, there will be musical entertainment, donkey rides and fairground attractions on Windsor Road and Lower Glebe Street, as well as festive refreshments and stalls from local organisations.

"The parade will arrive in town at 3.30pm and Father Christmas will be

collecting letters from Penarth children to find out what they would like for Christmas, so don't forget yours!

"The lights will be illuminated by broadcast journalist, Fran Donovan at 5pm with help from our Frozen friends.

"Entrants to the parade should gather at West House from 2pm and the parade will leave the grounds at 3pm for the journey into town."

On Thursday, December 17, the independent shops of Penarth will be remaining open for 'Late Night Shop in Penarth'.

From 5pm to 8pm, there will be on-street entertainment, festive refreshments and unique shopping opportunities from Penarth's independent stores, from foodie gifts to clothes, to crafts and jewellery.

TOP QUALITY SERVICE

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My Shoebox, run by Jed Finnegan and Elena Iridon, which opened 18 months ago at 5B Stanwell Road, is a stylish addition to the town centre, bringing high-quality, European brand shoes to local people.

The store caters for adults and children.

Elena said: "Among our top names, are Waldlauffer from Germany, which offers

superb comfort and quality of manufacture.

Hogl and Legero reflect the attention to detail that Austrian shoes are renowned for. The spirit of English shoe-making is characterised in Loake and Chatham."

A number of shoes are waterproof – a particular favourite brand at the moment is a British one, Cotswold, which is specifically for hard outdoor use.

Jed and Elena go on

regular buying trips to Birmingham and London to track down the latest top styles.

Jed said: "We will be opening on the special Christmas late night Thursday on December 17 and for part of Christmas Eve. Our normal opening times are Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5.30pm."

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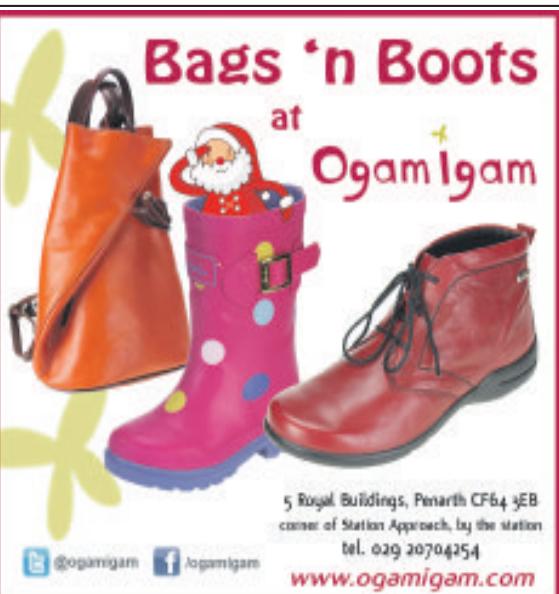
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O GAM Igam is a family-run store at 5 Royal Buildings, Victoria Road, Penarth, stocking a great range of adults and children's shoes.

Among the top names are Clarks, Geox Breathes – really cute children's shoes – Joseph Seibel 'The European Comfort Shoe', Start-rite for kids and Sketchers.

The store will be open for the special Christmas Thursday evening on December 17, until 8pm.

On Christmas Eve, Ogam Igam will be open until 3pm. For more information, go to the website: www.ogamigam.com; or pop in for a browse!



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ENJOY EVENTS ACROSS
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CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

HIGH STREET, BARRY

Friday 27th November

From 4pm

Enjoy festive street entertainers and live music plus meet Santa and his Reindeer.

LLANTWIT MAJOR CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

Saturday 28th November

2pm to 7pm

Includes Santa, live music, lantern parade at **6.15pm** and the lights will be switched on at **7pm**.

LIGHT UP THE SQUARE

KING SQUARE, BARRY

Saturday 28th November

12 noon to 5pm

The day will start at **12 noon** with live music, festive street entertainers and street artists and returning for a second year, Barry Town Hall will once again come to life with a spectacular 3D Christmas projection show.

The 10 minute show will feature a festive story with music and beautiful Christmas images...one not to be missed. The projection show will start at **5pm** and will take place just before the Christmas Light countdown. The show will repeat after the Christmas lights have been switched on.

Holton Rd pedestrian area will also host a Christmas market on the **28th - 10am to 6pm**.

COWBRIDGE REINDEER PARADE

Sunday 29th November

Parade starts at 12 noon

Meet Santa and his reindeer. Christmas lights switched on at **5.15pm**.

PENARTH CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Sunday 29th November

2pm to 6pm

The festive festival starts with a parade at **1.45pm** at West House and the day includes Father Christmas, nativity scenes, live music and Christmas entertainment. The Christmas Light Switch On takes place at **5pm**.

ST ATHAN CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

Sunday 29th November

3pm to 5pm

The fun starts at 3pm with festive street entertainers and live music including brass bands, choirs and handbell ringers. Benhaz Ahter - BBC Wales' Weather girl, will turn on the lights at **5.00pm**. Mulled Wine and Mince pies will also be on offer throughout the day.

DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE

THE OLD VILLAGE, DINAS POWYS

Friday 4th December

From 6pm

Enjoy fun, food, drink and festive music and entertainment. Plus browse craft and gift stalls just in time for Christmas presents.

CHRISTMAS ARTISAN MARKET

HIGH STREET, BARRY

Saturday 5th December

10am to 4pm

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CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

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Sunday 6th December

10.30am to 4.30pm

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COWBRIDGE LATE NIGHT SHOP

Thursday 10th December

5pm to 8pm

Take advantage of the festive special offers and pick up some unique Christmas gifts. Enjoy festive refreshments and music.

LET IT SNOW!

CENTRAL PARK, BARRY

Saturday 12th December

10am to 4pm

For one day only Santa and his reindeer will be coming to town! The park will become a festive arena complete with snow, festive live music, street entertainers and Christmas play workshops. **Free Event**.

PENARTH LATE NIGHT SHOP

Thursday 17th December

5pm to 8pm

Take advantage of the festive special offers and pick up some unique Christmas gifts. Enjoy festive refreshments and music plus a live nativity scene.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

LLANTWIT MAJOR SHOPPING PRECINCT, BOVERTON RD

Saturday 19th December

10am to 4pm

Browse craft and gift stalls for some last minute Christmas presents plus enjoy festive music and entertainment.

For further details on all events please call 01446 704737 or go to www.visitthevale.com or follow @visitthevale f visitthevale

A FESTIVE LOOK AT HOLTON ROAD

LET GREAT INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES HELP YOU...

THE Christmas season is under way and there's never been a better time to buy locally.

Holton Road and its surrounding streets have a huge range of independent shops, providing top quality products and service, so there's no need to drive miles into Cardiff or off to some distant retail park.

Independent businesses are good for a community's economy with money staying locally and likely to benefit others.

Holton Road is full of well-established businesses that have earned their stripes over not just a few years, but decades.

One business which fulfills that template at the top of Holton Road is **JPL Sound - The Barry Music Shop**.

Over the years, John Lewis and his staff have developed a reputation for good, straightforward advice on musical instruments and equipment. They have 40 years of experience in the music industry and are musicians themselves.

A musical instrument is often a popular Christmas present and it is best to go to The Barry Music Shop, rather than buy on the internet.

People who purchase



N & M Frangoulis has been serving the people of Barry since 1950.

on the internet can find an instrument incorrectly set up. John and his staff can make sure it is set up for use on Christmas Day to avoid disappointment.

The shop provides a guitar repair service and quality instruments are 'bought and sold'.

If you are purchasing a number of items you can even compile a 'wish list' and the staff will work out a special price. That's something you won't get over the internet.

The shop always has festive offers and provides 'best service' because it wants repeat business.

JPL Sound - The Barry Music Shop is well known not just in Barry, but throughout south Wales, for the numerous events it helps with its sound systems, including the annual Fireworks Fiesta.

N & M Frangoulis on Thompson Street is the oldest family-owned shoe repair business in

Barry. It opened in 1950 and the original owner George Frangoulis developed a reputation for taking on the most challenging shoe repairs, and making the very best 'made-to-measure' handmade shoes.

When his son Nick took over, he expanded its services.

Key cutting was introduced in the early 70s, which has developed and grown over the years, and it is one of the largest key stockists, including the cutting and programming of chipped car keys.

N & M Frangoulis also stocks the very best in British-made quality shoes, with brands such as Barkers, Cheaney, Padders, and Trickers.

There's a variety of high quality leather goods - including wallets, purses, passport and travel card holders.

Computerised engraving has been introduced to personalise gifts as well as stocking a range of trophies and Cups - together with a large range of genuine Zippo lighters which can be engraved.

Other products include watch batteries, watch



Ruckleys is Barry's one-stop children's store, stocking everything from early days to school days... And this year, Father Christmas will be visiting the store.

straps and dancewear.

HQ2 The Salon Hair & Beauty at 36 Holton Road is celebrating 12 years of success. It is a four-star rated salon, with a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

Dawn Vaughan, the owner, explained: "We are already filling up fast with bookings for Christmas hair appointments so for people wishing to book that all important appointment call on 01446 400102, or pop in at any time to chat with the team.

HQ2 is very well known for 'hair up' for those all important occasions!

"The salon also has a resident beautician that has many Christmas packages."

A very popular treatment is the luxury facial for £35.

The team are always updating their cutting and colouring!

The salon uses the very top products on the market too, like Balmain for great hair extensions, Emma Thorne of TL

and Opti Smooth for hair straightening.

There are many Christmas packs in the salon too, starting from £10.

For more information on HQ2, you can go to Facebook!

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY!
TL Computer Systems (Wales) Ltd at 40 Holton Road is about to celebrate a notable landmark in providing computer support to the people of the Vale.

Julie Thorne explained: "In January, we will be reaching our 20th anniversary. We used to be across the road, but came here in the year 2000.

"We're going to be at the Christmas market at King Square on Saturday, November 28, with a stall. We'll have lots of quirky gift ideas for stockings, like Star Wars USBs."

The market will run from 10am until 6am and incorporates the Christmas 'switch-on'.

Emma Thorne of TL

The company deals with every computer need - both domestic and commercial, providing sales, service and support.

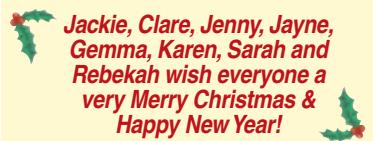
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Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
For the prevention of obstruction etc

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THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof listed in schedule 1 shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services vehicles and resident permit holders between the hours specified in column 3 of the schedule.

The penalty for infringement of this regulation is a fine not exceeding £1,000.

Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Saturday 28th November 2015	The area to be closed is Holton Road Barry from its junction with Ty-Newydd Road to a point 50m east of its junction with Llantwit Street.	18.00 – 20.00

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CHANCE TO MEET SANTA

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The team can supply the parts for people to build their own computers, or decide on the specification with customers and construct it for the customer to take home and plug in.

If you have a computer problem or query, TL Computer Systems (Wales) Ltd is on 01446 747702.

SWEGWAY

Rucklesys, the ever-popular store with young Mums and Dads at 45 Holton Road, is welcoming a very special visitor in December – Father Christmas.

The owner, Faye Ruckley, told The GEM: "Father Christmas will be at the store on Saturday, December 12 from 10am to 5pm, and on Sunday, December 13, from 11am to 5pm."

Tickets in advance are £3.99 a child and for three children £10. On the day it's £4.75 a child and £12 for a family ticket.

Faye added: "Mums and Dads are welcome to bring their cameras along to capture their little one's delight on the day."

Rucklesys is Barry's one stop children's store, stocking everything from early days to school days. There are prams including the popular Egg brand; pushchairs; clothing for babies to six years old; Start-rite shoes (staff are fully trained in shoe-fitting); school uniforms; christening, bridesmaid and

pageboy outfits; in fact, something for every child.

Faye also runs a nursery savings club.

"We will order and store a customer's products until they need them. The customer simply pays a small deposit which means they can shop immediately for all their baby items without having to pay straight away."

And what are the big Rucklesys' Christmas presents this year? The fantastic Swegway self-balancing board at £299 is tipped to be the number one present this Christmas.

Another is the handbuilt Reborn Baby at £129.99 – visit the store and you won't believe how life-like they are!

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The Nibblers is the Vale's specialist boutique fish pedicure spa and also contains Elemis beauty rooms.

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Carys Cheetham, the manager, explained: "We provide beauty and holistic therapies.

"Clients are welcomed to their own personal retreat where they can enjoy both Nibblers Signature Treatments and luxurious Elemis Face and Body Therapies to help balance the mind, body and soul.

"The staff will always strive to offer a relaxed, friendly, professional



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Elemis products are available in store and would also make a great Christmas present. You can also book 'pamper parties' with the luxury of Elemis Spa too – just call 01446 736318; or for more information, go to www.thenibblers.co.uk

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There is no need to go out of Barry to get top deals on white goods. Trade Appliance and Cookware Centre, situated just opposite the library in the town centre, has lots of special offers.

A FESTIVE LOOK AT HOLTON ROAD

Looking back on last year's lights switch-on at King Square...



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ABOVE AND LEFT:
As you can see, last year's event at King Square was a huge success with the crowds and a special day is planned this Saturday, November 28 which will include Father Christmas and the illuminations.

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The Vinyl Frontier holds month-long Disney bonanza..



LEFT:
The Vinyl Frontier – enjoy a coffee and a snack and you can browse thousands of vintage records, DVDs, box sets, CDs, cassettes and video games.

ONE of Holton Road's newest additions is lining up a month-long Disney-themed bonanza to celebrate its first Christmas on the 'high street'.

The Vinyl Frontier, at 39 Holton Road, is already building up quite a following with its distinctive yellow and black livery luring customers inside, where they are greeted with a smile and two floors of music and entertainment delights. There is also top quality jewellery and cosmetics thrown in for good measure!

The Vale's only outlet for thousands of vintage and rare records also boasts a superb array of DVDs and box sets, CDs, cassettes and video games, and a coffee bar with hot and cold snacks and home made cakes at unbeatable prices.

But to make Christmas a little bit special, owners Alison and Alan have

decided to add their own collection of exclusive Walt Disney world merchandise to the mix, offering an amazing selection of bean bags, pins and memorabilia unavailable anywhere else in the UK.

Alison said: "It will be a bit like 'not on the high street - but on the high street'.

"We particularly love the Star Wars weekend pins and merchandise. They were all released in very limited quantities and won't be available anywhere else, so shoppers really will have the chance to purchase a very unique gift," she added.

The Vinyl Frontier's Christmas event launches on Monday, November 23, and runs right up until 4pm on Christmas Eve. They have some great Christmas cards available, too!

And if you can't quite make it before Christmas, why not pop in on Boxing Day for some very special one-day only offers!

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KING SQUARE READY TO LIGHT UP!



Youngsters just love the Jungle Jacks Play Centre!



ABOVE: Jungle Jacks is a great 'play and party' centre for your children to celebrate a party, or let off some steam!

It can even be hired on a 'private booking' basis.
JUNGLE JACKS play centre is an exciting and well established soft play area in the town centre of Barry.

A spokeswoman explained what makes it such a popular place with local families.

"We have an amazing staff who create a safe, clean, warm, friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

"Parents can relax and have a chat while the children play. Our staff love to have a chat so if you're a regular visitor we will soon get to know you.

"Our facilities are appropriate for children with an age range from 0 to 11 years. Our indoor play centre features a diverse range of fun equipment for exploration by all ages, which includes an adventure play frame, ball pools, designated toddler and baby area, Astra slide, spiral slide, Ariel glide, ride ons, bouncing balls, spinning discs, a private party room and lots more.

"We cater for birthday parties and private events, too. Jungle Jacks offers a wide

ABOVE: Here are images of King Square at last year's Christmas event. This year it takes place on Saturday, November 28. There will be a market and entertainment, Father Christmas and the 'switch-on' at around 5pm.

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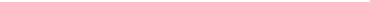
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SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISING WEEK FOR CHILDREN IN NEED A BIG SUCCESS



PORHCAWL Comprehensive School spent a week building up to Children in Need day and it was well worth the effort.

A school spokeswoman said: "Following an exhaustive five days of enthusiasm and energy on the part of our students, we are delighted that once again, pupils have surpassed themselves during our annual charities week, with the head team raising in excess of £4,000."

"The fundraising gathered momentum as the week went on and in addition to the old favourites like I'm a Teacher... Get me out of here! Sponge the Teacher and Womanless Miss World, pupils introduced the Great British Bake Off and the extraordinary Lip Sync Battle – all performed to packed-out audiences of delighted pupils!"

"The pinnacle of the week was the fancy dress day for Children in Need on Friday, November 13 when sixth

formers and staff dressed up and the rest of the school wore home clothes – all donating money for the privilege. As ever, outfits were spectacular; the head team setting the standard extremely high with their colourful costumes from countries from all around the world."

Headteacher Andrew Slade said: "£4,000 is a terrific amount of money to raise, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupils and staff for contributing so wholeheartedly to this campaign and congratulate our extraordinary young people on raising this impressive amount of money for charity."

"Chosen charities this year include the Kenya Project, the Teenage Cancer Trust, the Alzheimer's Society and the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Links with the local community will be further enhanced with contributions later in the year to YBont, Follow Your Dreams and the RNLI. Very Well Done!"

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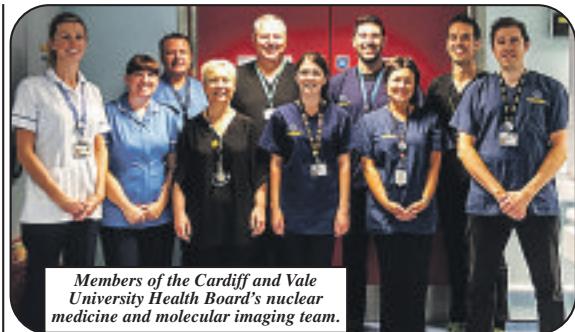
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Members of the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board's nuclear medicine and molecular imaging team.

Unique health board team wins a top radiography award

CARDIFF and Vale University Health Board's nuclear medicine and molecular imaging team has won the Society of Radiographers Wales region team of the year 2015.

The annual awards recognise the hard work and dedication of radiography teams across the country.

Chris O'Callaghan, Superintendent nuclear medicine radiographer at Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "We have

a robust team of AHPs allied health professionals who deliver an outstanding service.

"This unique mix of staff has given us a unique skill set, not previously available within traditional radiology departments. This has made a massive impact to the delivery of service for the patients."

The multidisciplinary team includes radiographers at University Hospital of Wales and University Hospital Llandough, and also staff from Medical Physics, PETIC and Velindre.

Exhibition highlights local artist's life work



Left to right: arts intern Josephine Sowden, Dr Ceri Thomas, arts development officer and gallery manager Tracey Harding, Mayor of the GOVC Councillor Fred Johnson, artists Alan Salisbury, Anna Salisbury, Frances Woodley, Jane Salisbury.

A BARRY-based artist this week saw his life's work put on display – as part of an exhibition – A Retrospective by Alan Salisbury – at Art Central in Barry following a launch event on November 7.

The artist has been based in Barry for over 40 years and 100 people attended the opening of the exhibition which honours five decades of work in the visual arts.

After completing a foundation course at Manchester School of Art, he studied at Liverpool School of Art and the Royal College of Art in London, before taking up teaching posts at the Glamorgan College of Education and then the Polytechnic of Wales.

Coun Fred Johnson, Mayor of the Vale, opened the exhibition and artist Frances Woodley spoke warmly of the artist's modesty and great talent.

The exhibition is open until January 2 before touring to other venues in Wales. For more information, contact 01446 709496 or visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/arts

LITERARY EVENTS

LOCAL poet and therapist Fran Smith will be reading a selection of her work at Griffin Books on Thursday, November 26 as part of the Penarth shop's monthly late evening opening. Admission is free.

Welsh rugby legend JJ Williams will be discussing his new autobiography with commentator Eddie Butler at Penarth RFC, Lavernock Road on Tuesday, December 8. Tickets £6.

More details from Griffin Books (02920 706455).

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WITH Christmas getting closer every day, traders and businesses in Llantwit Major are making their final preparations for the festive season.

For residents of the town, it is a chance to support local businesses and keep the high street alive, while for out-of-towners it is a chance to shop in a relaxed atmosphere, while reacquainting oneself with the area's many attractive features.

On that subject, it is worth putting the date of Saturday, November 28, in your diary, as that is when the Llantwit Major Events Committee puts on a day of family-friendly activities in the town, including a lantern parade, fairground rides and a visit from Santa!

With its combination of a modern town area, adjoining the olde-worlde narrow streets that all seem to lead to St Illtud's Church, you can be in a peaceful spot in no time at all.

Looking more closely at Christmas, one thing that is at the top of many people's lists is toys, and Llantwit is lucky to have its own fully-fledged toy shop, the **Plaza Toymaster**.

The shop recently won an award for its range of pre-school toys, but it carries a full range for all ages. Matthew Hunt of Filco, who own the store, told The GEM: "This year, Star Wars toys are expected to be really big, and that has been reflected in our Christmas stock."

"Also, it's not too late to join our Christmas Club, and one service we do offer is to put your presents away until close to Christmas, so you don't have to worry about hiding them in the home."

"This year, on Sunday, December 13, we will be having a visit from Santa and his Reindeer, from 11am to 3pm, to help build up the Christmas excitement."

At **Health Conscious**, owner Nicky Foster has a number of Christmas lines that can solve your present problems.

She said: "At this time of year, we can make up personalised baskets of healthy products that can make a perfect gift."

"We also have a range of coffee cups made out of organic bamboo. They are beautiful to look at, and ethically-traded, too."

"Another ideal gift would be one of our 'teardrop' oil burners, which are ideal for aromatherapy oils."

At **Sloan & Co**, owner Stuart Sloan says that men tearing their hair out over what gift to buy the woman in their life can be reassured, because his staff know exactly what is on trend at the moment.

He told The GEM: "The trends are really strong at the moment, particularly for the younger sector."

"Big checks and tartans are in, and also tops with tassels. Another popular material for a top is faux fur, especially the 'furry eyelash' texture."

"Last year was very good for us, with items such as bags, purses and scarves being given as gifts. We stock LYDC products (London Young Designer Collective) and we expect them to do well again."

"Finally, silver 'statement' jewellery is in at the moment, and we can offer a wide range."

If it's time to take a break, then the **Net Cafe** is a great place to drop in. It's under new management after Sian Jones took over 11 weeks ago.

She said: "With Christmas in mind, we are going to be doing a brie and cranberry toastie, on top of our usual range."

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Staff at Nickleby's can get hard-to-find books.



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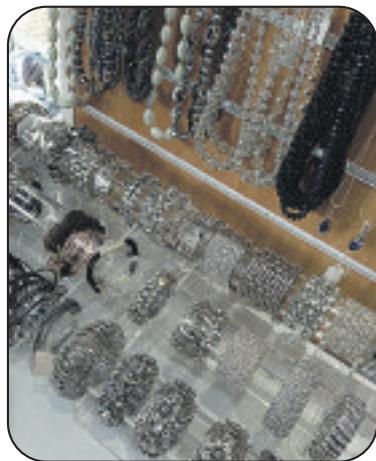
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ABOVE and BELOW:
Just some of the fashion items in
stock at Sloan & Co.



Llantwit Major at Christmas



A warm welcome awaits at Health Conscious.

Hi-tech scanner pinpoints problem

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Kim added that the practice had invested in a hi-tech 'dynamic foot scanner', which could help people deal with any walking or running pain, by identifying the problem exactly.

Another local business owner expecting to be busy over Christmas,

is Andrew Brown of **Andy Cars**. The festive season means that there are various calls on his company's services, and he has 14 years' experience of operating in Llantwit.

He said: "I would like to wish all our customers the very best over the Christmas period."

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Llantwit toy store wins top award!



ABOVE: Matthew Hunt (centre) receives the award at the Dorchester Hotel ceremony.

PLAZA Toymaster in Llantwit Major has received the seal of approval from the preschool industry, by winning the 'best independent toy store' category in this year's prestigious awards.

The winners of the 2015 Progressive Preschool Awards were announced at a high-profile event in The Dorchester Hotel, in Mayfair, London.

Hosted by the comedian Sean Collins, the awards were attended by over 400 suppliers and retailers who came together to celebrate the entire preschool industry.

The Progressive Preschool Awards 2015 celebrate the very best in product and retailing right across the preschool world.

Now in its second year, the awards aim to reflect the passion, dynamism and creativity found throughout the industry.

All retail entries were nominated by suppliers, distributors, wholesalers and agents before being validated by a panel of industry experts. The winners are recognised for their innovative approach and retail achievements over the last year.

Matthew Hunt of Filco, who own the Plaza Toymaster, said: "We are thoroughly delighted to have won this award and look forward to sharing our success with our staff team and customers."

"We will be welcoming Santa and his reindeer to our store in the build-up to Christmas, continuing our commitment to the community."

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Llantwit Major at Christmas

Part of the range of products on sale at Health Conscious.



ABOVE: St Donat's Castle, just along the coast from Llantwit Major, has a thriving arts centre, and is also busy as a music and theatre venue. On December 6, the castle grounds will be open for a special 'Crafts for Christmas' fair, with a host of extra attractions. (See advert on page 31).

The castle has, in recent years, become a popular location for film and TV historical dramas. Most recently, the BBC drama *Wolf Hall*, starring Mark Rylance, filmed at St Donat's Castle.

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Another business that has done well from basing itself in Llantwit Major is **Sunkissed Beauty and Tanning**, which celebrated its 10th birthday in the town earlier this year.

Vicki Wiggins runs Sunkissed and told The GEM: "The people of Llantwit have been wonderful to us. They have supported us from the very start."

As her way of thanking her customers for that support, Vicki is

holding a Christmas party evening on Thursday, December 3 (6.30pm - 9.30pm).

Customers who go along for the night will be able to try out complimentary treatments, while relaxing with Champagne and nibbles.

With Christmas in mind, Vicki is offering lots of special offers.

One of these offers, in particular, could take away some of the stress of Christmas shopping.

Buy an £80 voucher

from Sunkissed and you will receive, free of charge, a back, neck and

shoulder massage which normally costs £26!

So, Sunkissed's massage brings us back to the subject of cutting the stress from the festive shopping rush – and from this point of view Llantwit Major ticks all the boxes.

The town has free parking, and it's compact, so you don't have to walk long distances.

There is a regular train link along the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Line from Barry or Bridgend.

You also have the 'good conscience' bonus

of supporting local businesses and helping to keep a town centre thriving.

Add to that the coffee shops, pubs and restaurants and it means you can get home at the end of the day after your shopping in a better mood than when you get caught up in the big city frenzy.

There are plenty of reasons to visit Llantwit – the charms of the old town and its proximity to the Heritage Coast are just two.

However, one thing I always suggest to friends is a visit to the Galilee Chapel at St Illtud's Church.

The church has always been a little haven – in the peace and quiet sense as well as the religious.

It isn't prominent on the skyline as many churches are. It nestles in a dell, shielded from the wind, and has almost its own micro climate.

However, the recent restoration of the Galilee Chapel provides a wonderful place to stop and think.

The chapel is now home to Celtic Crosses that were in St Illtud's Church all along, but now they are on display in a beautiful setting.

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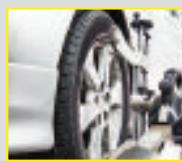
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Regional AM queries parking fines at rail station in Maesteg

A regional AM, Suzy Davies, says she has made "urgent contact" with Network Rail over the future of the car park at Maesteg railway station.

She had been alerted by constituents that Asda has introduced £70 fines for people staying longer than two hours in its supermarket car park, which adjoins the railway station.

Those using what was previously the park and ride car park, which leads off the store car park, are also facing the fines unless they first register their car with the store when they travel.

Welsh Conservative Mrs Davies, said: "Asda can control their own car park, of course. However, it is not clear to my constituents about whether there have been any changes to the status of the additional car park that was provided on land owned by British Rail in order to serve the railway station.

Asda has erected signs stating that the whole of the car park, including the section by the station, is their land.

"I have contacted Asda and Network Rail to find out whether there have been any recent changes of ownership or other agreements as to use."

"Unless there is a dedicated station car park, people attempting to use the trains will

be penalised. I understand that rail passengers wishing to park their cars at the station will first of all have to go into the store to register their car number and then, when they return, take their rail ticket into the store so that the penalty notice can be cancelled.

"That's okay, assuming people have time to do this but someone rushing to get the train could end up being fined £70 simply because they did not have time to go into the store and register.

"This system is no substitute for having a dedicated rail car park at this site and I am pressing Network Rail to investigate if Asda owns this land and if so, how this happened.

"This station was built in 1992, when it was decided to re-open the line to passenger rail services, which had ceased in 1970.

A new station was needed and this was jointly provided by the former Mid Glamorgan County Council and the railway.

"It is my understanding that the station and the additional car park were built on part of the old goods yard, which was owned by the railway. Access to both is through Asda's car park.

"There have been no problems with this arrangement until a few weeks ago. I have asked Network Rail how they intend to

deal with this situation. Public money from Mid Glamorgan County Council was used to build the station and car park and we need to know what's happened to this land.

"I have also approached Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) as they are the successor council to Mid Glamorgan. They are also investigating."

Assembly Conservative candidate Jamie Wallis said that he was concerned about the impact on commuters and others in Maesteg.

He said: "These days, having a park and ride facility is crucial. The only place motorists can park their cars in order to commute is at the town centre station.

"Network Rail needs to sit down with Asda and come to a sensible arrangement which would provide some dedicated parking for commuters while still allowing the store to ensure that its free car park is not being abused."

A spokesman for Smart Parking, who operate the car park, said that the land was owned by Asda, and that the terms and conditions were on signage in the car park.

He indicated that a response would be sent but, unfortunately, it had not arrived by the time *The GEM* went to press.

Books launched in Porthcawl

HAPPENSTANCE
Press's editor-in-chief, Helena Nelson, will attend the launch of her two latest publications at the office of a Porthcawl charity.

Unleaving by Kristian Evans of Kenfig, and *Pattern Beyond Chance* by Stephen Payne, are featured from 8pm, in the Green Room, Sustainable Wales, 5, James St, Porthcawl CF36 3BG.

For the charity, Robert Minchinick said: "All Welsh literature lovers should welcome

the first publication by Kristian Evans.

"Here is a new toughly lyrical voice in Wales, aware of the past, but sounding a warning about our uncertain future.

"Kristian Evans uses his knowledge of Welsh and French literatures to create vivid poetry."

Helena Nelson will speak about both publications, and the two writers will give readings.

These will be followed by questions and an open mic. For more information telephone 01656 773627/783962.



HOLY TRINITY WINDOW IS RESTORED TO FORMER GLORY

TIME had taken its toll on one of the medieval windows in the chancel of Holy Trinity Church, Llandow, and urgent restoration was required.

But – thanks to a grant from the Headley Trust (one of the Sainsbury family charities) and the efforts of the architect Gavin Birt who freely gave his services, plus the work of the expert stained glass artist Christian Ryan of Ewenny and the craftsmanship of Mark Jones and his colleagues from Corinthian Masonry, this window has been restored and it looks wonderful!

We in this small

village are very proud of our parish church, which is one of the oldest and smallest in the Vale, and we have to work hard to keep on top of all the work required to keep the ancient building and its contents in a good state of repair and open for public worship.

Not only have we had to repair the stone mullion and stained glass of one of the windows, but we have also had to work out how to replace the organ so necessary to accompany our singing. Various fundraising events were organised and we now have a restored window and a new (to us) organ which was played to accompany our annual 'Hymns and Pimms' evening earlier this year.

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WENVOE GIFT MARKS WI CENTENARY YEAR



Members of Wenvoe WI, with Rev Jon Ormrod.

DURING this centenary year of the Woman's Institute, the ladies of the Wenvoe branch wanted to mark the occasion with a special donation to the village.

Although a relatively small group with only 17 members, they set their sights high and decided to donate a bench to be placed in the grounds of their

local church, St Mary's.

To achieve their goal, they held various fundraising events and were successful in their venture. The bench was duly purchased and received by Rev Jon Ormrod of St Mary's, who blessed the bench in a small ceremony held at the site of the bench, with most of the members of the Wenvoe WI present.

The bench is well sited opposite the main entrance to

the church and has already proved popular among the congregation. Following the short ceremony, the ladies adjourned to a local garden centre for tea and cakes in the small café.

The group would like to thank the village environmental team who prepared the platform for the bench and secured it in its location.

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GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

'Lights still on in Llantwit!'

IT has been widely recognised that councils across Wales, have to make cuts due to restrictions placed on them by the Tory Government in London.

The Vale Council has made much play of the need for savings and has imposed, or is imposing, various cuts and charges on services in the Vale, including Barry.

So do we assume they have no car parks or street lighting in Llantwit Major?

We need an explanation.

D J Radford,

Barry.

The council is looking to start charging

Where is the logic?

WHERE is the logic? The Vale Council are going to charge us £2 per roll for the dissolvable green liner food recycling bags that we are all supposed to use, in keeping with the council's policy on recycling.

What will be the result? People will not pay, or be bothered to continue the scheme, and will put their food scraps into black bags –

for seagulls and other animals – foxes in Penmark – to spread the waste around the streets.

Would someone in the environmental department advise when this idiotic measure was brought in, and how we are now to dispose of the food waste?

Incidentally, the green bags are now available either from the civic centre or the library in Barry.

David Mitchell,
Penmark.

He reported that the group practice had looked at over 50 sites in Dinas Powys and only the Murch Road site was available and suitable. Although transport was a concern, councillors heard that 95 per cent of patients currently travelled by car to the Heath, Cardiff Road surgery.

He welcomed the there was space at the cooperation of Dinas centre for the potential Powys Voluntary expansion of service in Concern which was the future if the health board was willing to provide board was willing to transport by car to the invest.

Medical centre to 'open in spring' at Dinas Powys



ABOVE: The new Dinas Powys medical centre plans are unveiled.

DINAS POWYS centre. C o m m u n i t y Council has been told that the new medical centre in Dinas Powys is due to open in the spring by Dr Sue Thomas, senior partner at the group practice.

This was reported during a presentation to the council requested by the chairman, Coun Keith Hatton.

The medical centre is likely to be one of the last supported financially directly by the Welsh Government. Further delays would have placed at risk such funding.

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Questions were asked from the floor about services, including podiatry. It was confirmed that the health board was withdrawing this service from Dinas Powys. Councillors were concerned about this and, indeed, the lack of support from the health board for additional services.

However, they understood that podiatry and extra services were not part of the GP role and the responsible body was the health board.

Coun Chris Franks suggested that the community council should take their concerns to the health board: "It is wrong that the health board does not seem to be taking the opportunity to provide more services within Dinas Powys. It is a cheaper option than treatment at the Heath, with the huge on-costs involved.

Coun John Fanshaw said it was good that Cardiff Road surgery

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IT was truly a unique occasion as Lord Lisvane addressed members of the south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union and revealed, as former Clerk to the House of Commons, he had been chief executive of the House's services, comprising some 2,000 staff and with legal ownership of all buildings and property, including Big Ben!

Lord Lisvane took his title from the area of Cardiff where he was born and delivered an informative, engaging and enthralling talk, which included parliamentary history, procedures and precedents, and delightful

anecdotes.

Lord Lisvane also expressed his delight at meeting students from Howell's school, who were studying government and politics and who, no doubt, were impressed to learn that the first Clerk was Robert de Melton, appointed 'Under-clerk of the Parliaments to wait upon the Commons' in 1363 with a salary of £5 a year... for life.

The next branch event, the traditional Christmas carols and supper at Howell's school is fully booked. On February 25 Jonathan Fenby CBE will speak on 'Inside China: the Rising Superpower' at the Cardiff City Stadium. Details from Derek Morgan on 01656 669129; email esuswb@googlemail.com.



Lord Lisvane, with Anne and Derek Morgan.

Elizabeth Hopkins, Lady Inkin, Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Kate Thomas, Dr Peter Beck, Derek Morgan, Anne Morgan, William Hopkins, Lyn Beck, and Lord Lisvane.

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Job seekers on construction course

W A N N A B E construction workers of both sexes were recently given a boost on a free course organised by Newydd Housing Association and Barry Communities First with sponsorship from Jeju Project Services.

Participants were referred from the Job Centre and 12 have passed the accredited construction skills certification scheme only



course providing them with a CSCS card, said: "I heard about the essential for employment course through a friend in the industry. More are I'm unemployed but I have six children and I just want to be able to do something for them and look after my kids."

Michelle has now passed the course and is working with Newydd staff on writing her CV and applying for a job, along with the other participants who have passed.



Lord Lisvane with students from Howell's School.

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TO coincide with the Rugby World Cup, pupils at Ysgol Sant Baruc recently held an International Week, which proved very successful.

During the week, each class studied a country that was involved in the tournament and dressed in various costumes or rugby kit, to represent a particular country.

The pupils learned many facts about their chosen countries: they studied music and art and even tasted different foods. The highlight of the week was listening to Cai Beasley, a pupil in year-6 as he spoke live on Radio Cymru.

Cai has been a regular feature on the radio station since the beginning of the World Cup, as he has represented Australia throughout the tournament.

The pupils in the nursery and reception looked fantastic, dressed in Welsh costume and as dragons, while having the opportunity to learn about their own country – Wales. The children enjoyed tasting cawl and Welsh cakes and performed many traditional Welsh songs on stage to the whole school – *bendigedig!*

Year-1 pupils studied Ireland: they learnt how to say hello in Gaelic; they studied maps to locate Ireland, listened to traditional stories, tasted soda bread and performed River Dance to the rest of the school.

Year-2 studied South Africa, where they have also tasted foods from this particular country, they have created masks and a huge flag to display in the school hall.

They also discovered how to say hello in different languages and learnt many interesting facts which they later presented to the rest of the school.

Year-3 studied France, while year-4 studied New Zealand. Again, the pupils studied art from these two countries and learnt to speak simple phrases.

Year-4 later performed the Haka to the school – they were excellent!

Years-5 and 6 studied Japan and Australia:



here, the pupils researched both countries to find many different interesting facts.

Year-6 had a barbecue, creating their own burgers, and made boomerangs out of clay.

Year-5 studied the weather in Tokyo and compared the temperatures each month with Cardiff.

The week was enjoyed by every pupil, with the highlight of the week being that every pupil and member of staff dressed to represent their country.

There were many rugby players present, along with leprechauns, Maori warriors, Australian surfers and a kangaroo!

Year-6 also lead sessions to develop rugby skills for all pupils and each class enjoyed sharing their knowledge and experiences from the week.

Clwb Garddio Sant Baruc

The gardening club at Ysgol Sant Baruc has been very busy tidying the garden and planting plants and bulbs. We look forward to seeing the

results of all their hard work in the spring.

Bu'r clwb garddio yn Ysgol Sant Baruc yn brysur iawn yn taclu'r ardd ac yn plannu planhigion a bylliau yn barod i'r gwanwyn.

Diolchga'r wch!
Harvest

For their annual Harvest collection, Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc chose to support the Vale Foodbank.

Pupils and parents generously donated foods to help the charity and the support this year was incredible.

Year-3 held the Harvest assembly this year and the class proudly presented the local Foodbank with the donations.

Dewisodd Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc gefnogi Banc Bwyd y Fro ar gyfer eu casgliad diolchgarwch eleni.

Fe wnaeth disgylion a rhieni'r ysgol gyfrannu bwyyd i'r elusen ac roedd y gefnogaeth yn anhygoel.

Bwyyd yn 3 oedd yn cynnal y wasanaeth diolchgarwch eleni ac fe gyflwynodd y dosbarth y bwyyd yn falch i'r Banc Bwyd.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No: / Rhif y cais:	2015/01036/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Change of use of disused care facility building to provide five apartments with four new townhouses on the rear car park of the property
Location:/Lleoliad:	Gardenhurst Resource Centre, Holmesdale Place, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Penarth
Application No: / Rhif y cais:	2015/01273/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Erection of two storey extension and demolition of external wc and detached garage
Location:/Lleoliad:	Archway Cottage, 24, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No: / Rhif y cais:	2015/00815/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Replacement of front door to Grade II listed building
Location:/Lleoliad:	1, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II
Application No: / Rhif y cais:	2015/01199/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Internal and external alterations to retail unit
Location:/Lleoliad:	56, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II
Application No: / Rhif y cais:	2015/01275/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Amendment to previous consent (2012/00898/LBC)
Location:/Lleoliad:	The Pheasant House, Nash Manor, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II

Application No: / Rhif y cais:	2015/01201/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Construction of new 1-3 storey detached residential dwelling house with integral double garage, roof terraces and associated amenity space. Partial demolition of existing stone boundary wall to create 2 new driveway access points from highway
Location:/Lleoliad:	Dimlands Road, St Donats
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting Cartref, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Caisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No: / Rhif y cais:	2015/00425/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Change of use to a non hazardous waste transfer station
Location:/Lleoliad:	Unit 12F, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry
Application No: / Rhif y cais:	2015/01032/RES
Proposal/Cynnig:	Approval is sought for the layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping of Phase 2
Location:/Lleoliad:	Land at Barry Waterfront, Phase 2, Barry
Application No: / Rhif y cais:	2015/01224/RES
Proposal/Cynnig:	Development of site known as South Quay (Parkside) for residential development and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing and landscape
Location:/Lleoliad:	Site known as South Quay (Parkside), Barry Waterfront, Barry
Application No: / Rhif y cais:	2015/01228/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Demolition of existing buildings and

residential redevelopment of land to deliver 15 affordable homes together with associated car parking, landscaping, drainage infrastructure and other ancillary development

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

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Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

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Location:/Lleoliad: Dimlands Road, St Donats

Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Proposed development at Land at Barry Waterfront, Phase 2, Barry.

I give notice that Persimmon Homes (East Wales) is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Approval is sought for the layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping of Phase 2.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Persimmon Homes (East Wales), Llantrisant Business Park, Llantrisant, Pontyclun CF72 8YP so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 10 December, 2015.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 10 December 2015 quoting reference 2015/01032/RES.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Proposed development at Site known as South Quay (Parkside), Barry Waterfront, Barry.

I give notice that BDW Trading Ltd is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Development of site known as South Quay (Parkside) for residential development and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing and landscape.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Nathaniel Lichfield and

Partners, Helmont House, Churchill Way, Cardiff. CF10 2HE so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

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at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 10 December, 2015.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 10 December 2015 quoting reference 2015/01224/RES.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8

Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Land at Barry Waterfront, Phase 2, Barry

Hysbysir trwy hyn Persimmon Homes (East Wales) n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfe Approval is sought for the layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping of Phase 2

Cafodd y cynig ei gyflwyno gyda datganiad amgylcheddol sydd ar gael i'w ddarllen yn y cyfeiriad isod. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Persimmon Homes (East Wales), Llantrisant Business Park, Llantrisant, Pontyclun CF72 8YP so long as stocks last.

Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd hefyd ddarllen copiâu o'r:

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- cynlluniau;
- datganiad amgylcheddol;
- dogfennau eraill a gyflwynwyd gyda'r cais,

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Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu ar Bennaeth Cynllunio a Chludiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 10 December 2015 an ddyfynnu'r cyfeirnod 2015/01032/RES.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8

Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Site known as South Quay (Parkside), Barry Waterfront, Barry

Hysbysir trwy hyn BDW Trading Ltd n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfe Development of site known as South Quay (Parkside) for residential development and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing and landscape

Cafodd y cynig ei gyflwyno gyda datganiad amgylcheddol sydd ar gael i'w ddarllen yn y cyfeiriad isod. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners, Helmont House, Churchill Way, Cardiff. CF10 2HE so long as stocks last.

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Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig 19 November, 2015

V. L. Robinson

Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office,
Barry. CF63 4RT

World War One memorial unveiled at school

ROLL OF HONOUR CEREMONY AT ST CYRES



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REBECCA WELLS



ON Wednesday, November 11, a moving ceremony took place at St Cyres School in Penarth, when a new First World War memorial was unveiled and dedicated, to replace the one belonging to the National School in Penarth, which was lost when that school was closed.

The project to replace the lost memorial was the vision of the headteacher, Dr Jonathan Hicks, who had long-held the ambition to ensure that his current pupils were able to learn of the fate of some of their forerunners.

"The original memorial was unveiled in July 1920 by the headteacher of the National School and I was honoured to be able to follow in that

headteacher's footsteps. "Moving into our brand-new school building, it seemed the right time to create a new memorial to those men who gave their lives a century ago," said Dr Hicks.

"It will also serve to remind our current and future pupils of the sacrifices made by earlier generations. Through extensive research my wife Wendy and I were also able to correct two errors on the original memorial."

The ceremony began with a guard of honour by two living historians, Robin Mellor and Chris Coode, dressed in authentic First World War uniforms. Dr Hicks then paid tribute to the fallen before 20 pupils of St Cyres School, whose surnames are similar to those listed on the memorial, read out each of the names.

Music teacher Richard Hopkin played 'The Last Post' and a silence was

held. Prayers were led by Jason Erickson.

Following the ceremony, the pupils and staff were treated to a talk on the lives of men and women during The Great War by the two living historians.

Amongst the names on the memorial are:

Herbert Albert Barrett,

who served with the 45th

Battalion of the Machine

Gun Corps as a machine

gunner. He was killed on

August 23, 1917 and is

buried in Tyne Cot

Cemetery. He saw action

at the Battles for Pilckem

Ridge and Langemarck

– as one of the missing on

the famous Menin Gate

in Ypres.

Thomas Norvell Bartlett served with the 113th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

– as one of the missing on

the famous Menin Gate

in Ypres.

Donald Alexander Heslop had been a

chartered accountant

before the Great War. He

joined the 10th Royal

Fusiliers but was killed

on May 4, 1916. He is

buried in Berles-au-Bois

Churchyard in France.

Rees John was the son

of William and Ann John

before enlisting was

employed as a coal tipper

at Penarth Docks.

Edward William Davis

of 9 Plassey Street in

Penarth served with the

8th Battalion of the

South

Staffordshire

Regiment. He was killed

in action on February 15,

1916, aged just 20. He

was in camp near Ypres

when it received a direct

hit from a German eight-

inch artillery shell.

Twelve men, including

Edward, were killed, plus

two medical officers who

were tending men in a

dressing station. His

body was never found

and he is commemorated

as one of the missing on

the famous Menin Gate

in Ypres.

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buried in Berles-au-Bois

Churchyard in France.

Rees John was the son

of William and Ann John

of Penarth. He was 34

years old when he died on

July 23, 1918, aged

31. He is remembered on

the Soissons Memorial.

Frederick George

Smith served as a private

at the 12th Battalion

Argyll and Sutherland

Highlanders. He was

killed in action in

Salomon on September

19, 1918, aged 28, and is

buried in Doiran Military

Cemetery.

Arthur John Thomas

was a private serving

with the 8th Battalion of

the Lincolnshire

Regiment.

The son of John and

Rose Thomas of 80

Plassey Street, he died of

wounds on April 26,

1917, aged 22, during the

Battle of Arras and is

buried in Aubigny

Communal Cemetery in

France.

William Melbourne

Lee was a second

lieutenant serving with

the Royal Field Artillery.

He was killed in action

on March 21, 1918 while

serving with 298th

Brigade. William had

enlisted as a private

solider early in the war

and rose from the ranks

to become an officer on

August 4, 1917. His body

was never found and he is

commemorated on the

Pozieres Memorial to the

Missing.

George Victor Morgan

lived at 8 Grove Place in

Penarth. He enlisted with

the Welsh Regiment

before being transferred

to the 1/4th Battalion of

the South Lancashire

Regiment. George was

killed in action on

August 23, 1916 during

the Battle of the Somme,

He was just 17 and is

commemorated on the

Tower Hill Memorial in

London.

Frederick Lewis

Missing.

Edwin Thomas

Murray lived at 38 High

Surrey Regiment. He was

Street in Penarth before

he married his wife

Amelia and moved to 48

Arcton Street, next door to

lived at 6, Machen Street

in Penarth.

His grave could not be

found after the war ended

school's memorial.

He joined the 6th

and he is remembered on

the Tyne Cot Memorial

Cameron Highlanders

in Belgium.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 2A) ORDER 2015

1. On the 16th November 2015 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 23rd November 2015 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 2A) Order 2015".

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 23rd November 2015 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Insert Map of the Following Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places

Jenkin Street, Barry (16) (AS53)

On its north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 14 and 16 in a south westerly direction for 5.5 metres.

Jenner Road, Barry (67) (AW50)

On its south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 65 and 67 in a south westerly direction for 6.6 metres.

Dated this 19th Day of November 2015.

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Venvoe CF5 6AA



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWYG GORCHYMYN (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIO) (RHIF 2A) (GWAHARDD MANNAU AROS, LLWYTHO A PHARCIO A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

1. Ar 16 Tachwedd 2015, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53, a 124 a Rhan IV o Atodlen 9 Ddeth Rheoli Traffig Flyrdd 1984, a Rhan 6 Ddeth Rheoli Traffig 2004 a phob pŵer galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn y mae ei effaith gyffredinol wedi i'w disgrifio isod:

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i'r ym 23 Tachwedd 2015 neu bryd ynnag y bydd yr holl arwyddion a marciau ffordd yn barod. Fe'i hadwaenir fel 'Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygio) (Rhif 2A) (Gwahardd Mannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2013'.

ATODLEN

Cynhyrwyser Map o'r mannau parcio canlynol a gynigiwyd ar gyfer pobl anabl

Jenkin Street, Y Barri (16) (AS53)

Ar ei hooch ogledd-orllewinol o'r llinell derfyn rhwng tai rhifau 14 ac 16 am 5.5 medr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

Jenner Road, Y Barri (67) (AW50)

Ar ei hooch dde-ddwyrainol o'r llinell derfyn rhwng tai rhifau 65 a 67 am 6.6 medr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

Dyddiedig 19 Tachwedd 2015.

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thaith,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Canolfan yr Alpau,
Gwenfô CF5 6AA



EweMove sales and lettings scoop three top awards

EWEMOVE has been awarded Gold for Innovator of the Year, Silver for Best New Agency and Bronze for Best Franchise Network at The Negotiator Awards 2015.

After an incredible year with many new branches launching across the UK, rapidly growing sales and lettings agent EweMove, which has been a popular addition to the Vale of Glamorgan property market since it was set up, is delighted with these wins that add to their growing collection of awards.

From over 360 entries – the most in its history – The Negotiator Award-winner for 2015 was revealed at a glamorous gala dinner in the London Hilton, Park Lane on November 3.

The result was announced in front of 730 estate agents and industry specialists and was hosted by Alistair McGowan, impressionist, comedian and actor.

The Property Party of the Year went on into the small hours and was enjoyed by all.

Director of EweMove Vale of Glamorgan, Karen Tweek said: "We are absolutely thrilled to win the awards! We're always looking for ways to improve the service we provide and we are really proud that the judges recognised our pioneering approach and have rewarded us with a prestigious Gold award for Innovation, Silver for Best New Agency and Bronze for Best Franchise Network.

"Winning is a huge pat on the

back for each member of the growing EweMove team and it motivates us to continue our quest to provide local vendors, landlords, buyers and tenants with exceptional customer service."

Multi-award winning EweMove is rapidly being recognised as a serious player in the property market, thanks to its quirky brand, green sheep mascot, and commitment to providing exceptional customer service.

The service-focused estate agent is rated '5 Star' and 'Excellent' by customers on the independent review platform Trustpilot. It also offers unique Happiness Guarantees for sellers, landlords and buyers. For vendors this means that they are never tied into long contracts and can walk away at any time without being charged a penny.

Karen added: "We pride ourselves on working harder to deliver results for our clients with minimum stress or hassle. To get our sellers' and landlords' homes more interest, more quickly we operate a 24/7 service to make sure that any viewing, enquiry, property application or purchase offer is never lost."

For further information, please contact Richard Cook or Karen Tweek, EweMove Branch Directors for the Vale of Glamorgan on 01446 349349 or visit EweMove.com/barry.

UNDER-STRENGTH BARRY SECONDS ARE DEFEATED

BARRY Second XV travelled to a rain-soaked capital to face St Joseph's as they continued their league campaign.

Manager Ken Chow and coaches Rhidian Scott and Martin Tanner were once again faced with a long list of players unavailable, injured, or otherwise engaged as has been the case for most of the season.

Their cause was not helped by players failing to turn up for the match and players arriving late on the day.

The poor preparations were evident as St Joseph's scored from the kick off after a handling error by the visitors.

Things did not improve as the half wore on, as Barry battled against their well-drilled opponents and the elements.

With the rain battering

down on the green-and-whites, they were unable to stem the tide and the home side was out of sight by half-time.

Chances for the visitors to score were few and far between in the first interval, although Matt Russell did miss a shot at goal and Nick Rolfe had a try ruled out for double movement.

At half-time the coaching team offered words of encouragement, but things looked from bad to worse as both John Miles and Mitchell Scott hobbled off with injuries.

That, somehow,

seemed to galvanise the

struggling visitors as

makeshift flanker Jordan

Clarke joined man-of-

the-match Callum Scott

in disrupting the St

Joseph's attack in the

second interval.

The home side had the

lion's share of possession

but found the Barry

defence unrelenting.

A tremendous number of tackles were made in the 40 minutes, most of it in Barry's own 22, but still the door was shut.

With the home side increasingly frustrated and their attempt by their back row to influence refereeing decisions failing, Barry sensed a chance to break out and pieced together a period of possession.

When Clarke, Scott and Peake made good yards into the St Joseph's half, the ball was recycled quickly by scrum-half Rhidian Mepham.

The ball was passed down the line, with Chris Bailey making good ground before offloading to Tom Adams, who sprinted through in the corner to score. Russell was unable to add the extras.

While the 37-5 final score was a fair reflection of the home

team's dominance over 80 minutes, the players who donned the Barry shirt should be proud of their efforts in atrocious conditions.

One must wonder what this group of players can achieve if players take more responsibility in their availability and punctuality in training and match day.

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Youth award scheme relaunched

THE High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan's youth community award scheme was re-launched at an event in the Olive Tree restaurant, Pyle Garden Centre, hosted by the current High Sheriff Jayne James.

She explained that new sponsors coupled with fundraising efforts had resulted in the first prize being increased to £1,000. Among those present was former High Sheriff Anne Morgan, who founded the scheme originally, and thanked the sponsors.

Jayne James explained: "Any young person or group between the ages of 11 and 21 who is doing outstanding work in the home, school or community can be nominated."

It was also announced that the Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan Kate Thomas has agreed to be the Trust's patron and ambassadors Roy Noble and Beverley Humphries will champion these awards.

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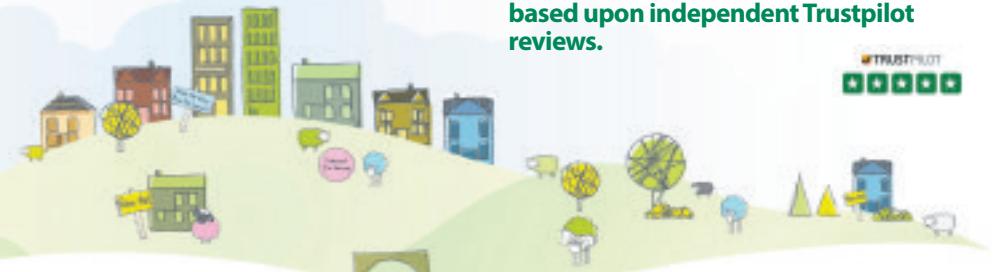


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Happy birthday Mildred!

Bridgend Bridge Club: LATEST NEWS

A party was held to celebrate the 100th birthday of club member Mildred Trigg Knight, who reached her memorable birthday on November 9.

As well as cheese and wine, a splendid cake was part of the refreshments in what proved to be a very happy and enjoyable evening, one of many celebrations Mildred has experienced to mark her reaching 100.

Mildred still enjoys playing club bridge on a regular basis, and Bridgend Bridge Club wish her a very happy birthday on this unforgettable event.

The results for recent events are: Wednesday, November 11 - 1st Linda Pinnock and Denis Mottram, 2nd Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, 3rd Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner. Winners on handicap Linda Pinnock and Denis Mottram.

Thursday, November 12 - 1st Arthur Harvey and Glyn Williams, 2nd Frances Heslin and Dee Finch, 3rd Debbie Lea and Stuart Davies. Winners on handicap Frances Heslin and Dee Finch.

Friday, November 13 - 1st Ray Smith and John Beard, 2nd Tony and Emer Disley, 3rd Hazel and Colin Heard. Winners on handicap V Irene Thomas and Margaret Williams.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session.

Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

TG

Your chance to try wheelchair rugby in area

BRIDGEND County Borough Council's Active Young People Department and Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby (GBWR) are working together to give youngsters in the county borough the chance to try wheelchair rugby.

A session was recently held in Bryncethin Sports Centre, on the site of the old Ogmore Comprehensive School, which included wheelchair multi skills and the opportunity to 'have a go' at the Paralympic sport.

The session was for young people aged eight to 18 and open to people with all levels of disability. Rugby chairs and coaching were provided, and the organisers are hoping that the taster session will lead to more people becoming interested in the sport.

Put on as part of the BT Youth wheelchair rugby programme, the session was supported with funding from Awards 4 All Wales.

Kirsty Clarke, National Development Director, GBWR, said: "Since 2012 we have more than doubled the teams and people playing wheelchair rugby in the UK, and

Mrs Wendy Williams (left), Mrs Barbara Matthews and chair Mrs Jean Downes (right).

RECENTLY, an annual charity coffee morning event was held at the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Ladies Bowls Club.

The club supports local charities and on this occasion, Porthcawl Stroke Club was one of those charities.

This was no ordinary coffee morning - the bowling club ladies worked extremely hard to increase their funds through a variety of tabletop stalls.

The 2015 captain, Mrs Yvonne Guttridge, follows the traditions of the Guttridge family, who have for many years supported community projects.

On October 28, a

£350 cheque was presented to the Porthcawl Stroke Club by chair Mrs Jean Downes and secretary Mrs Wendy Williams.

Porthcawl Stroke Club would like to thank all the bowling ladies. We would also like to thank all the community supporters and wish everyone a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Our thoughts also go to Porthcawl Stroke Club secretary, Ray Cross, who is experiencing ill health at the moment, also to the members who are unable to attend.

Anyone wishing to join the Porthcawl Stroke Club should contact chairman, Keith Duggan, on 01656 773375.

BM



Phoenix pick up a valuable victory

KIDWELLY ladies arrived at the Recreation Ground having won their two National League matches to date and with Phoenix not having played since their 26-7 win at Seven Sisters on October 11, this was a difficult match to call.

The playing surface was in remarkably good condition following the recent deluge. The home side stated their intentions early and struck with a superb counter-attacking try. Phoenix full back Hannah Seward turning defence into attack from 70 metres before linking with her threequarters and good hands in midfield saw right wing Zoe Reeves race away from some 40 metres plus to score.

Phoenix then absorbed a period of pressure from the visitors with Ospreys squad member Lowri Reeves putting in a thumping tackle to keep her line intact.

Phoenix were looking dangerous on the counter with Melissa Clay and Nerys Lloyd almost working the pacy Seward clear. Clay was also giving the visitors problems at the line out, putting pressure on their throw and scrum half Amy Stevens capitalized on a lineout steal with a forceful run, well supported with good driving play from skipper Katie Murphy.

Phoenix, playing with the strong wind at their backs, increased their lead, centre Lloyd putting in a well measured kick downfield to the visitors' try line and a hurried clearance fell to Phoenix hooker Natalie O'Shea and the Blues squad member drove at the heart of the Kidwelly defence to set up ruck possession.

Swift handling saw Seward use her pace to angle away from the desperate cover to score halfway out, army cap Jade Mullen slotting the conversion for a 12-0 lead.



ABOVE: Nerys Lloyd passes the ball out, and RIGHT: Zoe Reeves goes on a run.
PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.



Kidwelly were now throwing everything at Phoenix in their efforts to cross the home line but successive tackles deep in the 22 from Mullen, Clay and O'Shea kept them out.

Phoenix returned to their full complement with two minutes left on the clock and a superb committed defensive effort all round from the home side denied the visitors a try.

This was a fine, well deserved win for Phoenix, gaining valuable league points, and the squad can look forward to the remainder of the season with confidence following this gritty, gutsy performance where every team member played their part showing the essential team spirit which is absolutely necessary.

Kidwelly chose Welsh international Melissa Clay, playing at No. 7 on this occasion, as best Phoenix forward, with Nerys Lloyd chosen as best home back.

TR

One of the club's longest-serving members has just reached 100 years old!

On Monday, November 9 - her actual birthday - the club held a party for Mildred Trigg Knight (pictured).

The Glamorgan Holiday Hotel provided an excellent buffet for Mildred, with her celebrating her big day doing what she has enjoyed most for the past 60 years - playing bridge among her friends.

Also, the club participated in the Children In Need simultaneous pairs - a competition played internationally over the same set of hands, and scored centrally, with the proceeds being donated to CIN; Janet and Betty won the local event.

Recent club results: Thursday, November 5: First, Sue Anthony and Trish Saunders; handicap, Pat Roper and John Cobby. Saturday, November 7: First, Janet Richards and Betty

Roger Draper and Janet Longley; handicap - Dil Richards; second, Colin and Hazel Heard. The club meets twice a week: Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, 7pm.

Kirsty Clarke, National Development Director, GBWR, said: "Since 2012 we have more than doubled the teams and people

playing wheelchair

rugby in the UK, and

what looks to be an exciting match; both games to kick off at 2.30pm. All support would be most welcome.

10.15pm, visitors

play welcome. To contact the

club, call our secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

12: First,

January 2016, Janet Richards and Betty

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Rugby club hoping for action

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Val

The celebration of Val's life took place on Monday 9th November 2015.

Alan and his family would like to convey their sincere thanks to those who joined them in saying farewell to Val and to those who separately expressed their condolences. Thanks also to Revd. Heather Weddell at Cowbridge United Free Church, Andrew Thomas Funeral Director, The Flower Shop, Llantwit Major and The Cross Inn, Cowbridge for their valuable support and assistance. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

COOKE

William Reginald John

Peacefully on Saturday November 7 at UHW, Reg of Penarth. Beloved husband of the late Olive, dear cousin of Jenny and family (Cornwall), very good friend of Dennis, Roslyn, Lorna, Dilwyn, Mike, Margaret and Robert.

Resting at Penarth Funeral Directors until the funeral ceremony is held at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Tuesday, November 24 at 1.45pm. Flowers may be sent to Hickman Road Funeral Home, Penarth, or donations for the chest department of Llandough Hospital or Ward A2, UHW may be placed in the tray at the chapel exit.

LEWIS

Margaret Elizabeth

Peacefully on November 6th at Willowbrook Nursing Home, St Mellons - Margaret, aged 86 years. Formerly of Min Y Mor, Barry. Dearly loved mother to Stephanie and Steven. Cherished grandmother of Florence and Imogen.

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Eva

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The Barry and District league tables and latest results

CRIB DIVISION 1: Rhoose Social B 0, Savoy A 5; West End C 3, Caddy Allstars 2.

League table: Savoy A 36, Harbour B 35, West End C 27.

Cadoxton Cons B 25, Wyndham Cons A 23, End Runaways 56.

Rhoose Social 53, Moors Boys 39.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Rugby Club 1, Slammers 6; Cambrian Flyers 4, Allsorts 3; Rhoose Social B 6, Liberals C 1; Barries Boys 2, Sea View B 5; Liberals A 2, King William XII 5; West End D 6, Rhoose Cons C 1; West End C 2, Rhoosters 5.

League table: Sea View B 47, King William XII 34, Rhoose Social B 31.5, Rugby Club 30, West End D 29, West End C 27, Slammers 26, Barries Boys 25, Allsorts 24.5, Liberals A 24.0, Rhoose Social A 23.5, Rhoosters 20, Liberals C 19.5, Cambrian Flyers 15, Rhoose Social C 9.

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Sully Sports sides have a winning weekend!

SULLY Sports RFC travelled to Cardiff to play old rivals CIACs on a wet blustery day, and, after their defeat the previous weekend by league leaders Saracens, were determined to put on a better show.

The CIACs have not had too good a season so far, and have struggled to fulfil all their fixtures, but were able to field a full team, and despite atrocious weather and ground conditions, the game was on.

Although not a classic game, it was good to see the Sports start off well and control events for much of the time, and eventually run out victors by 39-10.

The whole team played with great passion and belief, none more so than Nathan Szuchnik who was having only his second outing in over a year following a serious injury.

Captain Jon Blake led from the base of the pack with one of seven tries, with the others coming from Jody Velda (2), Rhys Manford, Scott Sandford, Alex Szuchnik and Sam Bowditch. Jake Williams added two conversions.

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JW

Sully Sports seconds, playing only their

second game of the season, entertained local rivals Sea View RFC, and both sides found it very difficult in the wet and windy conditions.

It was obvious that the lack of game time for both sides, and the conditions, would result in a game devoid of fluidity and skill, despite the willingness and rivalry on the pitch.

Sea View edged the first half and led at the break by a converted try, scored by Nathan Hardy.

Playing with the strong wind at their backs in the second period, it was the Sports turn to gain the ascendancy.

Nick Taylor scored a try wide out, and the conversion was missed.

In the final quarter of the game the Sports were handed a chance to take

Sully IBC earn excellent win

SULLY IBC welcomed Taff Ely IBC from Pontypridd to Sully Stadium for the reverse fixture of a Club Championships game, hoping to turn around the hammering they took in the first game of the season at Pontypridd.

A good win here would put Sully back into the mix and close the gap on leaders Newport and second placed Taff Ely, and with the way the fixtures are set the league title is wide open.

Before the game commenced there was a minute's silence to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the Paris massacre the previous evening.

The opening exchanges went in favour of the home side who went into an 11 shot lead by the end of the fifth end due to the excellent starts made by the rinks of Brian Griffiths, Fred Phillips and Brian Foscolo, ahead by 7, 5 and 4 shots respectively.

Between the sixth and 10th ends Sully went further ahead by 23 shots, with five rinks now ahead including Ken McLeod's and Chris Ackland's rinks who had now gained advantages, leaving Martin Clarke-Squires' rink with a deficit of four shots.

At the halfway stage the overall score now stood at 68-45 in favour of Sully but Taff Ely were contesting hard and over ended 11 to 15 this period was fairly even with the visitors only able to reduce their deficit by just two shots, still leaving Sully 21 shots ahead.

With six ends to play the rink of Phil Gershenson, John Jones, Roy Richards and Fred Phillips, who had played well all afternoon, continued

their form to gain a well-earned win, 27-14, while Foscolo's rink of Graham Cogbill, Graham Eastment and Mike Doyle continued their fine recent form, once again recording a fine win 22-13.

The rink of Morgan, Burton, Hudson and skip McLeod showed grit, leading after the second end and finally winning by 16-11, while Griffith's rink, who have struggled in the previous two matches, finally managed to gain a win, scoring two 2's on the last couple of ends to win 21-18 after being one behind on the 19th end.

Chris Ackland's rink was having a tight game against the visitors' rink skippered by Adrian Dash and was only one adrift on the 16th end, but lost the last five ends and seven shots, losing 17-25.

Clarke-Squires' rink, 5-14 behind at end nine, kept hanging on, being two down on the 15th end, winning the next three ends and going ahead 19-18.

They then dropped a two to go one behind before making a good three on the 20th end to hold a two shot advantage going into the last end, but then managed to drop a two to tie their game 22-22.

The overall result was an excellent win for Sully, 125-103, gaining revenge for their early season defeat and with four of the six rinks winning and a tie, Sully gained 19 points to Taff Ely's three points, the overall score 125-103.

Sully play their last game before the Christmas break on Saturday against Ogwr at Bridgend at 2pm.

FP

Brynhill seniors golf round-up

ON Thursday, November 12, the Brynhill mens senior section held their annual presentation lunch.

The winners were as follows: Marcus Watts Trophy - Dave Gray; Tom Durbin Cup - Jeff Jones; Tony Pateman Cup - Daffyth Howells; Seniors Club Champion - Chris White; Senior Pairs - Keith Atkinson /Derek Coombes; Millennium Cup - Andy Dick; Eclectic Competition - Chris White/Ralph Thomas.

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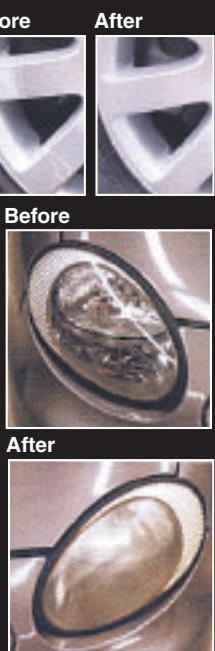
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The glass and silverware trophies and cups were cleaned and polished and put on display ready to be presented to the worthy winners.

The president presented club ties to the Mail on Sunday team and wished them very good luck for their finals in Spain.

List of winners as follows: Chris Smith Cup winner - Scott Nelson, runner-up - Dan Peters; Bristol Cup winners - Richard Pierce & Andrew Davies, runners-up Daniel Williams & Nathan Cissold; Ernest Williams Cup winner - Craig Balchin; runner-up Wayne Adams; George Williams Cup winner - Bradley Dodd; runner-up Chris Evans. Gunners Cup winners - Simmon Pringle & Chris Jame; runners-up Michael Murray & Nigel Stephenson; Sir Robert Webber Cup winners - Gemma Evans & Andy Chick; runners-up Liz Taylor & Glenn Taylor; Harry Cocks Cup winner - Tony Thomas; runner-up Scott Warne.

Port Cup winner - Colin Lewis; runner-up Gary Pudge; Bobe Hope Trophy winner - Doug Griggs, runner-up Steve Gould (best gross - Scott Warne); Tennessee Cup Rabbits & Tigers winners - Steve Wright, Andy Hilton, Peter Curtis & Glyn Coles; runners-up Nigel Stephenson, Stuart Robertson, John Kirkpatrick & Lee Jones; Queens Coronation Cup winner - Simmon Pringle; runner-up Lee Price; Victory Trophy winner - Glyn Coles; runner-up Ben Collins.

Seniors Championship Winner - John Kirkpatrick; runner-up Chris White; Hugh Hollands Cup winner - Anne Phillips & John Griffiths; runner-up Andrea Page & Stephen Davies; Artillery Cup winner - Matthew Thomas & Carl Williams; runners-up Simmon Pringle & Jamie Griffiths.

McEnroe Cup winner - Mike Cook; runner-up Aaron Smith; Major Cope Cup winner - Goronwy Jones; runner-up Doug Griggs; Holme Towers Cup winner - Scott Nelson; runner-up Lee Jones (best gross - Scott Bowman).

Junior Gold Cup winners - Scott Bowman & Scott Warne; runners-up Jonathan Burrows & Craig Balchin; Don (The Fox) Cup winner - Chris Phillips; runner-up Scott Warne (best gross - Scott Warne); Dave Bruce Cup winner - Dave Morris; runner-up Aaron Smith (best gross - Aaron Smith); Champagne Breakfast winner - Steve Jones & Bob Bounds; runners-up Lee Price & Simon Bowsher.

Marcus Watt (nett) Cup winner - Glenn Taylor; runner-up Andrew Anstee; Ken Murphy (Gross) Cup winner - Scott Nelson; Brian Whitehouse Cup winner - Gareth Jones; runner-up Aaron Smith.

President's Cup winner - Daniel Williams; runner-up Richard Pierce; Caledonian Cup winner - Lee Jones & Chris Evans; runner-up Nathan Cissold & Daniel Williams; Kenyon Davies Cup winners - Lee Jones & Cael Pemberthy; runners-up Simon Bowsher & Peter Ingleton; Barry & District News Cup winners - Michael Murray & Andy Chick; runners-up Simmon Pringle & Colin Lewis; John Collins Foundation Cup winner - Julian Hopkins; runner-up Scott Nelson; Consolation Trophy winner - Richard Bond; runner-up Anthony Day (best gross



Richard Bond); Victor Ludorum winner - Scott Nelson.

The men's first team this year had an indifferent season in their first season in the Premier League in nearly 20 years, as they struggled to get a settled team. This resulted in them finishing fifth out of six in the league and, unfortunately, getting relegated. However Brynhill first team was still the fifth best team in south Wales this season!

The first team also qualified for the Welsh team championships finals held at Glamorganshire in August, where they reached the last 16 in Wales.

The second team continued their winning ways and climb up the league tables by getting promoted this season for the second consecutive season. Congratulations to Sam Preston and his team.

Finally, and by far the best achievement, which came in the Mail on Sunday competition. This team consisted of first and second team players. The competition was an inter-club knockout open to every golf club in the UK.

The first round was in January and nine rounds later Brynhill have qualified to play in the finals in Spain at the end of November. Over 3,000 teams entered the competition and we are now down to the last four teams.

This is the first time Brynhill has ever won through to the finals in the competition and the only Welsh team to have got through to the finals this year.

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BRIDGE RESULTS

RECENT results at the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club were as follows:

Monday, November 9, Children in Need Sims - 1st Tony Ratcliffe & Julian Pottage 73.58%; 2nd Mike Best & Kevin Maddox 62.78%; 3rd Alan Lewis & Terry Evans 59.38%.

Many thanks to all who supported us, we raised £250 for Children in Need.

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PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB NEWS ROUND-UP

WITH the seconds on hiatus, the first and third XIs took centre stage for Penarth Hockey Club last weekend, not least the development side, which faced a GoCrea8 league double-header way out west in Lampeter.

BRIDGEND 1, PENARTH 5

Having seen off all-comers – often by double-figure scorelines – in the first swing of league encounters, Penarth finally faced the only other unbeaten side as they took on Bridgend in a top-of-the-table showdown to see who really were the top dogs in De Cymru and Marches 1.

Following days of heavy rainfall, the match reverted to Penarth, with the newly-laid Stanwell pitch faring a lot better in the conditions. It was the visitors who struck first, as a clever through ball found an available striker, who dribbled across the area before lifting the ball over Penarth keeper Adam Puff on his reverse.

The Vale side gradually regained their composure, however, and the first half remained an even affair. With seconds left in the period, their persistence paid off as a string of poor challenges

from Bridgend on the edge of their own 'D' gave Penarth one last penalty corner before the break.

Although the Bridgend 'keeper saving two initial efforts from Laith El Khatib, the ball eventually fell to David Joyce, who tapped home on the whistle. The home side headed back into the fray full of confidence and wasted no time in seizing the advantage as Joyce received the ball in the Bridgend area and beat the keeper at his near post to put Penarth 2-1 up.

It took just five second half minutes for Joyce to complete his hat-trick as Penarth put together a move that began with a wind-assisted aerial from player-coach Ben Croxall to man-of-the-match Phil Lane. Lane drove in to the Bridgend 'D', drawing a foul that left the umpire with no option but to award a penalty stroke. Full of confidence, Joyce stepped up and finished emphatically, putting the ball high into the net to the keeper's right.

Croxall showed his class as he left three defenders in his wake before finding Joyce at the back post to notch his fourth goal of the game, while Chris Baker completed the scoring in typical fashion, driving into the 'D' before striking a low shot past the hapless Bridgend keeper to leave the score at 5-1 and Penarth now alone in top spot in their division.

TRINITY ST DAVID'S 0-7 PENARTH 'B'

TRINITY ST DAVID'S 0-6 PENARTH 'B'
After much haggling that followed the cancellation of Penarth's early-season trip to face the students of Trinity St David's, the Vale side was faced not only with a daunting trip to Pembrokeshire in appalling conditions, but also with the task of completing two back-to-back games on the same day in order to get their

a great run.

Pencoed then scored their first try, but we responded as Daf scored a try in the corner after more play through several phases. Jac N ran almost the length of the pitch to score, and though Pencoed added a second try, Jack R finished out the game with an unstoppable try.

Team: Connor, Jack L, Rory, Zak, Jack R, Adam, Ethan, Owen, Ben, Rhys, Harry, Jamie, Daf, Fin, Anton, Kaiden, Cai, Jac and a try before Kyle N, Kyle, Jack W, Tristan, DD

After a slow start, Anita Shears rink had a good win 13-11; the rink skipped by Rachel Green only just lost by three shots.

The ladies enjoyed the afternoon and look forward to the next match in the new year.

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fixture list back on track.

Penarth initially struggled to make their possession translate into goals against the bottom of the table side but, having settled into a controlled passing game, the floodgates opened and victory was secured by the comfortable margin on 7-0.

The novel twist of immediately commencing a second game to fulfil the fixture that had to be rearranged from earlier in the season could have been a pitfall for the visitors but, in a mirror image of the first match, the two sides proved competitive for 20 minutes before Penarth took control.

As soon as the Bees started to play with speed of pass and organisation throughout the line-up, they again proved too efficient for the hard-working student side, resulting in a second win, this time by the margin of 6-0, which lifted them to a mid-table spot in De Cymru 3.

The strike partnership of Dave Watkins and Sam Salisbury scored seven goals between them across both games while, defensively, Morgan Salisbury continues to grow in confidence, with his distribution from the pivotal right half position improving with every game.

While the third XI enjoy a weekend off to

recover from their trip west, the firsts and seconds both have the luxury of home fixtures at Stanwell School.

The senior side takes on Bristol & West, who moved into a share of second place in the division last week, while the second XI returns from a bye week to begin the second swing of De Cymru 2 fixtures against a Llanishen & Caerphilly side currently sitting third in the table.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.15pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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The Barry and District mens skittles league

DIVISION 1:

Colcot Boys (T.Sherrin, J.James, B.Sullivan 27) 268, Geest (S.R.Jones 27) 271; Ex-Servicemen (G.Dent, D.Dawkins, D.Kuhnell 26) 264, 49'ers (R.Bolt 29) 268; Geest (J.Hawkins 26) 146, Ex-Servicemen (G.Dent 30) 267: The Hairy Lemons (K.Silvey 28) 282, Blue Monkey (D.Brown 29) 296; The Merrymen (R.Bilton, A.Cockram 30) 316, Blue Monkey (M.Weaver 33) 293.

DIVISION 2:

Abercrete (D.Andold 30) 274, Park Rangers (G.Bennett 29) 268; Posties (M.Churchill 31) 292, Cannon Balls (D.Cannon 31) 282; The Royalists (M.Durman 30) 279; British Rail

(T.Williams 30) 284, C.U.D.(L.Chadwick 31) 281; Castle Boys (J.Champ 31) 278, Mariner Vikings (S.Grant 25) 244; Glenbrook Fangers (S.Breen 28) 262, KP Monkeys (P.Best 27) 263; Mariner Vikings (T.Morris 23) 229, C.U.D. (C.Sheppard 26) 245; Up The Mariner (M.Morris, A.Tipton, T.Woaman 24) 245, Castle Boys (P.Henbury 25) 211; Up The Mariner (T.Yeoman 27) 246, The Alternatives (M.Moyle 29) 263; West End Fliers (A.Snoeks 28) 248, Billy Bluebirds (D.Davey 28) 273.

DIVISION 3:

Billy Bluebirds (A.James 29) 271, KP Monkeys (N.Clark 31) 274; Posties (M.Churchill 31) 31) 274; Billy Whizz (A.O'Brien 26) 263, West End Stars 282; The Royalists (M.Durman 30) 279; British Rail

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Atoms hit hard against Pencoed

BARRY Atoms started off fast and hard in this game against Pencoed under-13s.

After winning a serum the ball came to Jack L, who dispatched out to wide to Jack Reid for the first try.

The first half was closed out with another strong performance by Jack R, who scored a fine try out wide.

The second half saw Harry, Jamie, Daf, Fin, Rory's customary run and a try before Kyle N, Kyle, Jack W, Tristan, DD

finished out the game with an unstoppable try.

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Dinas Powys FC exit the League Cup after defeat

DESPITE bowing out of this year's competition, Dinas took a lot of positives from this game against Taffs Well, keeping their shape well and creating a number of scoring opportunities.

Because of the inclement weather, this game was switched to the 3G pitch at Llanrumney playing fields to get the fixture played.

As expected Taffs Well had the lion's share of possession but the young Dinas team had listened to the instructions given by the management team and played some excellent football at times.

An early ball down the right flank from Rhys Harlin sent King Junior Mwedo on his way but he was eventually dispossessed. At the other end a through ball found Jason Bertorelli but his effort was wide.

Adam Jones then squared a ball to Mwedo who hit a sweet shot just wide of Neil Collins' upright.

Taffs won the first corner which was dealt with by Dinas captain Ben Luck; however the Division One side looked dangerous at times and their passing and movement was keeping the Dinas back four on their toes.

Both teams were awarded direct free kicks from outside the area - Taffs' taken by Tyrone Topper was off target and Nicky Bruce, for Dinas, was also wide. On the 30 minute mark Taffs Well took the lead when a shot

by Bertorelli took a big deflection off a Dinas defender leaving James Curtin stranded.

Just eight minutes later Dinas levelled when Nicky Bruce drove through the Taffs defence and hit a powerful shot which Collins could only parry into the path of Mwedo and he tucked the ball home just inside the post for 1-1.

Bertorelli then evaded several tackles to get into the Dinas box but, again, failed to hit the target.

Mwedo was having a great game for Dinas and, picking the ball up just outside the box, he hit a rasping shot just wide with Collins scrambling across to cover it.

The last action of the first half was a Taffs Well corner which found the head of Jay Evans who headed downwards on target but Curtin dived on the ball to smother the danger and at 1-1 Dinas were certainly still in the game.

Although the rain eased slightly at the start of the second period the wind picked up making conditions very difficult.

The Villagers had the first chance; a Bruce free kick reached Mwedo who back-heeled the ball on target but Collins took it comfortably.

However, just three minutes into the half Taffs Well took the lead again, as a cross from the left was headed home by Topper from close range.

Dinas began to assert themselves again with Keiron James, Bruce and Rhys Palmer battling hard for possession, and it was Adam Jones who played Mwedo in. He got a good shot away on target bringing a fine save from Collins.

With 30 minutes still to play Taffs skipper Evans picked the ball up in midfield and hit an unstoppable shot into the top corner for 3-1 to virtually make the tie safe. Dinas then rang the changes, taking off striker Scott Muir for Nathan Donnelly.

A mention must be made of Dinas' two young full backs who both had fine games, Rhys Harlin and Mason Ah-Mun, and it was the latter who powered down the wing, laying the ball off to Mwedo who cut inside and curled a shot in which hit the crossbar.

At the other end Dinas had James to thank for clearing a goal-bound ball off the line.

With just five minutes remaining Taffs Well added a fourth goal which rather flattened the scoreline, substitute Harry Collins netting from close range.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Rhys Harlin, 3 Mason Ah-Mun, 4 Ben Luck (c), 5 James Marr, 6 Nicky Bruce, 7 Rhys Palmer, 8 Keiron James, 9 Scott Muir, 10 King Junior Mwedo (1), 11 Adam Jones, 12 Luke Swaffield, 14 Nathan Donnelly, 15 Paul Caulfield, 16 Tom Edwards, 17 Steffan Ross.

This Saturday, November 21, Dinas are back in league action when they travel East to take on Undy Athletic with a 2pm kick off.

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GAME GOES TO THE WIRE AS BARRY BEAT RISCA

BARRY United marked their first floodlit match since the re-opening of Jenner Park with a 4-1 win over perennial adversaries Risca United, in a match that remained a close affair until its final minutes.

On the scoresheet for Barry in the Welsh League Division One fixture were strikers James Dixon and Jordan Cotterill, as well as the returning Rhys James, who made his first appearance after eight weeks out with a broken collarbone.

Defender Bobby Briers meanwhile continued his run of successful spot kicks, Denbigh Town at Jenner Park on Saturday, December 5.

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adjudged to have been brought to the ground unfairly.

Wales international David Cotterill was among the interested spectators at Jenner Park, on an evening that saw the Town climb to fifth in the table in their first league game on the new 3G surface.

Barry's next senior action at Jenner Park will be on Saturday, November 28, when they welcome Aberdare Town back to the Vale, this time for a Welsh League encounter (2pm kick-off).

Gavin Chesterfield's side were 7-2 winners of the recent Welsh Cup meeting of the clubs, which set up a third round tie with north Wales opponents Denbigh Town at Jenner Park on Saturday, December 5.

Rhys James (right) scored on his return to the Barry side. Picture by MyYearInTheWelshLeague.wordpress.com.

Golf team tee up double win!

THE Vale Resort's junior golf team is celebrating a double victory after winning two consecutive regional golfing championships.

The team, captained by Jack Wiggins, 16 from Tonyrefail, and made up of Grace Connelly, 14 from Miskin, Oliver Brown, 17 from Cowbridge, Morgan Grace, 16 from Glynnneath, Ronan Oliver, 15 from Pontyclun and Ben Davies, 15 from Cardiff, achieved first place in the Welsh Junior Inter-Club Championships in Builth Wells this October, securing them a place at the Home Nations Inter-Club Championships in Andalucia, Spain in 2016.

Speaking of the double victory, team captain, Jack Wiggins, said: "I feel honoured to be the captain of such incredible teams who all gave their best efforts in some tricky games against the country's top junior players. These two wins give us all the confidence we need ahead of the next level of championships in Spain next year."

The teams are made up of players who have come through the Vale Resort's Junior Golfing Academy, which has produced young golfing stars such as the European Amateur Championship Cup winner, Rhys Pugh.

To celebrate the recent successes of the junior golfing team, the Vale is currently offering a special junior golfing membership package.

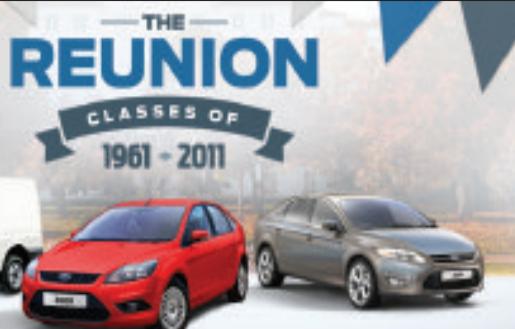
Open to young people aged between 8-18 years, it includes free access to the Vale's Academy Coaching Scheme, a copy of the Academy's coaching manual and over 50 per cent off junior membership subscription fee for the first year.

"We are incredibly proud of how hard the teams have worked this year and the double victory reflects the level

Sean Bowen, son of Pembrokeshire trainer Peter Bowen, landed the Regulatory Finance Solutions Handicap Hurdle on his father Peter's Ron's Dream.

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Pictured with instructors and coaches are: Matthew Bennett, Keita Enfield, Lucia Cunningham, Jake Quigley, Cameron Evans, Cody Jacobsen, Cian Allen, Thea Cunningham, Maddison Allen, Charlie Rogers and Leland Butler.

Cadoxton Tae Kwon Do enjoys a successful British Championship

FIVE gold, four silver and seven bronze were brought home by Cadoxton Tae Kwon Do school students from Cheltenham Leisure Centre, where competitors from all over the UK converged to take part in a well-run event, the Global Tae Kwon Do International British Open Championships.

The event started with traditional forms, where young Thea Cunningham came away with a credible second, Lucia Cunningham and Ethan Andrus taking third places.

Once the pattern sections were over, the point sparring got underway. First up was the girls' pee wee green belt point sparring, where Maddison Allen took first, with Charlie Rogers and Thea Cunningham both

taking third place in the girls' junior Green belt categories. Leland Butler fought his way through to take third place in the boys' junior yellow belt category.

Competing in a very strong boys' red belt middleweight continuous sparring we had Cameron Evans and Ethan Andrus. Both made the finals, with Cameron taking first and Ethan coming away with the third place.

Competing for the first time in the junior boys' black belt light, middle and heavyweight categories we had Cian Allen, Jake Quigley, Cody Jacobsen and Joel Wells. All gave a good account of themselves, with Cian taking the bronze in the middleweights.

Competing in the girls' middleweight category, Lucy Newman fought her way through to the final, taking first place and

the gold. Once again dominating the women's black belt lightweight continuous sparring was Keita Enfield, who went on to take gold.

In the mens' black belt lightweight continuous sparring, Matthew Bennett reached the final, which went into extra time three times. Matthew's fitness showed as he eventually took first place.

The event ended with the adult and junior teams synchronised patterns. With only a short time to prepare, we put a junior team in consisting of Lucy Newman, Cody Jacobsen and Cian Allen and they took second place and the silver medal.

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School's walk

ON November 8, Remembrance Sunday, members of Barry Comprehensive School's Duke of Edinburgh group participated in a memorial walk in the Brecon Beacons, along with Mr Gamble, Mr Hutton, Miss Rowe and Mrs Davies.

The walking conditions were challenging, but the boys persevered, showing great determination to reach the Wellington bomber R1465 crash site and memorial cairn.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

B A R R Y
Comprehensive
student Luke Grant
showcased his raw
talent as a cricketer
this season.

The group had the opportunity to explore the site before hearing a brief history of the events of July 6, 1942. They learnt that the bomber crashed while on a cross-country training exercise, due to heavy cloud.

The pilot had descended in order to pinpoint their position, but hit the top of the mountain. The crew of five Canadians were killed in the crash. The memorial cairn was

Hockey's Beth helps to inspire youngsters

WELSH hockey international Beth Fisher co-hosted a young ambassadors training day in Barry recently as part of a scheme run by the Vale Council to get more young people involved in sport at school.

Fisher, who has amassed 49 caps for Wales, attended in her capacity as a Sky Sports Living for Sport Mentor and talked about her own experience in sports and how the young ambassadors could inspire fellow pupils to participate in sports.

The young ambassador movement aims to empower and inspire young people to become role models and leaders through sport, by developing their confidence and skills in order to increase physical participation in

others.

The Council's sports development team is currently working with over 100 young ambassadors across the Vale. These include bronze ambassadors based in primary schools and silver and gold ambassadors in secondary schools.

Every year the Vale provides the ambassadors with an annual training day to ensure that the young people are equipped to deliver activities within their schools.

The Vale Council's Sport Development Workforce Co-ordinator, Steffan Williams, said: "This is an extremely exciting scheme that will provide invaluable experience for young people to inspire fellow pupils to participate in physical activity."

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Barrivale bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for November 10:

=1st Alan Jones & Sean Macdougall 59.72%; =1st Dave Thomas & Tom Kendrick 59.72%; 3rd Peter Millar & Kay Dyer 52.78%. Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

DR

NEW Ross Town under-12s of Ireland recently visited Barry to play Barry Town United under-13s; the following report was written by Leighton Thomas, the coach of the boys from New Ross.

The club's first international trip was a huge success. The under-12 boys who travelled were not only a credit to themselves and the club, but represented their town remarkably. They were treated like VIPs for the weekend by Barry Town United and these memories will last a lifetime. Both clubs formed a bond and we look forward to hosting our Welsh counterparts in the near future.

On Saturday morning the group headed to Jenner Park, the home of Barry Town United AFC. This ground has hosted Champions League games and saw Barry Town defeat the mighty Porto 3-1 in 2001. The club's senior match day programme noted that New Ross Town are the first overseas club to visit Jenner Park since Skonto Riga in 2003. Irish goalkeeper David Forde has also played for Barry Town.

As the boys entered the ground at 9am Barry Town hoisted the Irish and Welsh flags. Excitement kicked in and running on to the field couldn't come soon enough. The warm up took place in front of the paparazzi parents before heading back into the changing room for the pre-match talk.

As kick off approached the boys lined up in the tunnel alongside the Barry Town under-13 boys. They were led onto the pitch by the referee and his linesmen, and as the players turned down the running track the away supporters could be heard from the stands.

Both clubs then lined up in the centre of the pitch for photos and the captains exchanged club pennants. Barry Town presented a lovely framed Barry jersey for the occasion.

The match began with the fans cheering from the stands. The noise created from the

stands was amazing and the boys later commented on how great it was and that it gave them an idea of what it must be like for the professionals.

The rain came down briefly but this didn't dampen the spirit shown by the Ross boys. Every ball was fought for and though they gave everything the Barry boys got the breakthrough in the first half.

The Barry boys showed they were an excellent footballing side and through some lovely passing moves produced a couple more goals, yet the Ross Town boys kept battling until the last whistle. The match ended in defeat but the Ross Town boys did themselves proud against a very strong Barry Town team.

Every player gave 100 per cent and on another day a couple of chances may have gone in. They certainly had the travelling support on their toes and gave them something to cheer about throughout the game.

After the match both teams headed for the changing rooms and the Barry Town players and coaches gave a guard of honour to the Ross Town boys and presented the Welsh and Irish flags to the team.

The boys sat in the dressing room with a smile still on their faces and several Barry Town club members and staff spoke to them about how well they had performed. The head referee came into the dressing room and announced Cathal Mooney as the man of the match.

This was well deserved and the parents would later reward Cathal with a Cardiff City shirt for his efforts. Barry Town then laid on food for the group and afterwards Barry Town United manager Gavin Chesterfield spoke to the boys and said they had impressed him with how they kept going until the end and tried to play football even though the scoreline was against them.

Gavin had only recently claimed the Victory Shield with the Welsh under-16 team and for Gavin to speak with the boys, praise them and shake every player's hand had them all looking up with excitement and left them feeling that they had done well.

On Saturday afternoon the lads and parents travelled to Cardiff for the Championship match between Cardiff City and Reading. It's only fair to say that after purchasing half of the Cardiff City shop, the boys entered the stadium and became

supporters that had the whole ground turning their heads to see the loudest kids in there!

The excitement they created was infectious with even the stewards jumping in for a photo at the end of the game. The boys sang and cheered throughout. The game ended in a 2-0 win for Cardiff and the boys were the last supporters in the ground.

The group proceeded to the players entrance outside the ground, where any player wanting to get in their car had to have a selfie first; former Manchester United player Federico Macheda was first out followed by Noone, Tomas and Shola Ameobi.

The weekend was over and Sunday saw a tired group depart Wales. The train journey and boat were a bit quieter but some still had energy for a rugby match on board. This was definitely not the parents!

The club is so thankful to the many people and now friends who made this trip possible. Everyone involved at Barry Town helped to create a memorable trip for our boys.

Thanks to Mark Barrett, a sponsor of Barry Town, who invited our club over and helped to arrange the game against Barry's under-13 team.

Mark also provided the 33 match tickets for the Cardiff match which was an amazing gesture to the whole group. For Barry Town United there was Gavin and Hannah Chesterfield who planned the match day activities at Jenner Park, the Barry under-13 squad including coaches who were fantastic on the day and very professional throughout, and the many club officials who spoke brilliantly to our kids before and after the game.

From our own club thanks go to the parents that travelled on the trip. They made the whole trip run smoothly while getting in on the craic along the way; and finally to the heroes of this trip who each deserve special mention - Shaun Hearn, Niall Mooney, Cathal Mooney, Sean Barry, Diarmuid Barry, Sean O'Brien, Chris Murphy, Evan Katus, Bobby Katus, Cillian Thomas, Finn Waters, Conor Kutay, Conor Bolger, Liam O' Neill, and Harry Stafford.

Each of them is a joy to coach, and both myself and the club are very proud of every one of them. We look forward to our next trip.

LEIGHTON THOMAS (ROSS TOWN FC)



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YOUTH TO THE FORE AS POSITIVES COME OUT OF NETHERLANDS DEFEAT

It was always going to be an interesting test for Wales, against a Netherlands side who had failed to qualify for next summer's European Championships, and a test made all that more difficult by the absence through injury of several key players, most notably Gareth Bale and Aaron Ramsey.

In their previous seven encounters with the men in orange, Wales had failed to manage even a draw, losing all seven and conceding 21 goals into the bargain (although a third of those came from the embarrassing 7-1 reverse in Eindhoven in 1996 under the auspicious leadership of fan's least-favourite, Bobby Gould).

It may have proved a case of same old story on Friday night at the Cardiff City Stadium, but despite the 3-2 defeat (the first reverse suffered at home in just over two years) there were plenty of positives to take from the game - and a few negatives.

In drenched conditions that saw heavy rainfall, it was an inauspicious start for Chris Coleman's team, as the Dutch, led by the highly-impressive Arjen Robben, got out of the blocks the quicker, keeping the ball and pressing for the

opening.

When Wales did get on the ball they looked to Johnny Williams and Tom Lawrence for the creative spark going forward that would normally be provided by the absent Ramsey and Bale, and the pair applied themselves with verve and energy, consistently looking to run at the Dutch defence and search for openings.

In what was a fairly even game, it was the Netherlands who struck first, as the Welsh defence were unable to deal with Dutch pressure around the area and Dost headed powerfully home, giving Wayne Hennessy little chance.

Undaunted, and buoyed by a vociferous 25,000-strong crowd, the Welsh looked for a way back into the game and found one on the stroke of half-time when the referee adjudged that Kongolo had handled Ben Davies' volley, and though Joe Allen's weak penalty was saved by Clissen, Joe Ledley was on hand to dispatch the rebound.

The second half continued in the same vein as the first, both sides battling to break the other down, and it was the Dutch who regained the lead with a top-class individual effort from Robben, the captain shaking off the boos of the crowd in inimitable style.

However this Welsh team were not daunted by this setback, and after a spell of

pressure, Allen's perfectly-aimed cross found the head of substitute Emry Huws, who headed home to the delight of players and supporters.

It was a game that seemed to have another goal in it, and sadly for Wales, it came from the Netherlands. It was Robben again who had the final say, another individual moment of brilliance seeing him slip the ball past substitute goalkeeper Owain Fon Williams to make it 3-2.



Despite the 3-2 defeat, there were plenty of positives for Wales to take out of this game, including the impressive performances of Tom Lawrence (left) and substitute, and second goalscorer, Emry Huws (right).

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providing a much-needed spark for the team.

The fact that Wales looked competitive throughout will be a boost to Chris Coleman as he starts to consider the squad he'll be taking to France next summer, and that fringe players such as Lawrence, Huws and George Williams looked so accomplished can only be a positive in the countdown to the European Championships.

What may be a little more concerning for Coleman was the fragility of the team when called upon to defend. The rearguard action during the qualifying campaign was beyond impressive, conceding only four goals in 10 games, but too often on Friday the high-pressing Dutch were quick to pressurise the defence, especially the pacy Robben, who took great delight in carving open opportunities.

With talisman Ashley Williams replaced at half-time by James Collins, the defensive frailty was even more apparent, and had Robben been closed down more quickly, one or both of his goals may well have been prevented, something to ponder going forward as Collins, in particular, looked woefully off the pace against his speedy opposition.

Then there is the conundrum of Joe Allen - in the build-up to this game Allen was vociferous in how players needed to step up and show that there was

more to this Wales team than just Gareth Bale; yet on the evidence of the game the midfielder was one of the few who failed to do that.

Ensuring going forward, unsteady when on the back foot and the ignominy of a missed penalty - Allen had a bad day at the office, and when you consider the way others performed, and offered so much more, you have to wonder what he offers other than being one of the elder statesmen of this young team.

So, much to take on board for manager Chris Coleman, who after the match said: "We always want to win, we wanted a result and we didn't get that but we got a lot of other things out of the game.

"We were competitive. We used our full number of six substitutes and were still competitive. Overall I'm not too disappointed."

And neither should he be, for this result was hardly disastrous; instead it was a valuable learning curve for this team as they shape up for the excitement of next summer's European Championships.

The positives outweighed the negatives and the bleeding of the likes of Lawrence gives the squad a greater level of experience and depth going forward - something that Coleman will no doubt welcome in the months to come.

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Kenfig Hill Seconds share spoils with Cefn Cribwr in friendly game

THE Mules second XV made the short trip 'up the twmp' to play a Cefn Cribwr XV in a rearranged friendly.

It was very surprising the game was played at all with inclement weather but congratulations to both teams and the referee for allowing the game to go ahead.

The near gale force wind was blowing straight up the pitch and the Mules played with this considerable advantage in the first half.

Cefn countered this by keeping the ball tight and playing an impressive pick and drive game which was thwarted in the main by a resolute Mules' defence.

Cefn opened the scoring with a well taken try after some good inter-passing amongst the forwards.

The try was converted but the Mules scored almost immediately from the kick off with hooker Joe Williams crashing over close to the posts. The



Matthew Tossell (with ball) attacks the Cefn Cribwr defence.
Photo by Gary Chapell.

try was converted by fly half Mathew Tossell to leave the score 7-7.

The half continued to be a tight affair with Cefn dominant at the set piece but the Mules managed one further converted try by dangerous centre Dale Smith, who crashed through the Cefn defenders to score a well-taken try.

After the break the Mules increased the lead with Nicky Giles taking a quick five metre penalty and diving over the line before the Cefn defence could organise themselves. The

conversion was made and the Mules looked comfortable leading 21-7.

However, Cefn showed plenty of spirit and started using the strong wind to their advantage by kicking the ball out of hand to the corners.

The pressure counted and following a strong forward drive, they scored a converted try to put them within one score of the Mules.

The pressure continued and following a fine blind side break by ex-Muler scrum half Lee Rogers and a resulting forward drive

Cefn scored their third try wide out with the final play of the match.

Up stepped former Mules' fly half Owen Davies, who calmly slotted the difficult conversion to leave the final score Cefn Cribwr 21, Kenfig Hill seconds

21. Considering the extremely difficult conditions this was an enjoyable game to watch, refereed sympathetically and played in good spirit.

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